

DAGBANI-ENGLISH DICTIONARY

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History of this Document

The first published dictionary of Dagbani¹ was prepared in 1941 by Blair and Tamakloe. The original source data for a 3000-word Dagbani Dictionary was compiled from 1948 through to the late 1950s by a Ghanaian government-appointed committee headed by Vo-Naa Andani, Chief of Voggo. The research for that draft was co-ordinated by the Bureau of Ghana Languages and the Assemblies of God New Testament Revision Committee. Because of continuing government-decreed revisions of orthographic practice during this period, neither a final nor a consistent text was ever prepared. The first Dagbani New Testament Committee had begun work in 1929-30, and the first rough translation was done on an incremental basis. From the late 1950s to the mid-1970s, the New Testament Revision was co-ordinated by Harold Lehmann, who had also worked on the dictionary committee. Rev. Lehmann sent John Miller Chernoff his own typescript of the draft dictionary at its most developed form (with Mr. D.A. Mahama written above the title on the front page), along with extensive notes and relevant correspondence.

Conversion History

1. Dagbani Dictionary draft from Harold Lehmann (NTRC-2.DIC)
2. entered onto electronic media and sent to GILLBT by John Chernoff
3. Converted to WINWORD6 tables by Tony Naden, March 1997
4. This version, Word for Windows 8.0, Roger Blench, December 25, 2004.

Tony Naden created a composite file incorporating the electronic Dagbani wordlist of Knut Olawski. NTN, AJN Naden comments either already in *KO* or added to Chernoff or amalgamation. Roger Blench has put all the existing file into systematic order (approximately!).

Major Problems (mid-1997):

Orthography: inconsistencies in sources particularly with short mid vowels: e/ɛ/ie are randomly used in both lists (often two or three spellings of the same word appear in *KO*), likewise o/ɔ, and to make things more difficult the two sources alphabetise the e/ɛ (resp. o/ɔ) in different orders, so duplication of entries and disorganised ordering will be found in those areas. Preliminary rules from the currently-sitting orthography committee suggest that their proposals, while linguistically unmotivated, will be largely such as will be possible to implement automatically

Consistency : I'm afraid that working hurriedly and in small gobbets of time has left a lot of inconsistency in format. Particularly I have tended to move things into Col.4 notes or not according to whether Col.3 was overloaded in relation to Col.4. Items which need to be consistently located are :

Dialect (E.D./W.D.) information

Cross.-refs – Chernoff's “*vide*”, *KO/TN* “see”, “*see*”, “*see*”, “*cf.*” etc.

Sources of loans: form of abbreviation, type of bracket if any

¹ Excluding the Dagbani-German wordlist of Fisch (1913).

Entry structure: Chernoff puts all homographs of the same word-class as numbered sections of a single entry, along with idioms, combinations and examples. I have mostly transferred examples to Col.4 but left the rest. Olawsky/Naden attempts to separate homophones, numbering the entries (ka (1), ka(2) &c.) for cross-reference purposes. Polysemous senses within these entries are partially distinguished by semi-colons between glosses (comma-ed glosses being regarded as synonymous English correspondents). Idiomatic uses or characteristic combinations were entered in a separate \phr field in the original and are mostly in Col.4 in this version. Particularly with a view to reversal, I would consider it better to split up the Chernoff entries according to the numbered sections: this cannot be done automatically, as some separate numbers distinguish totally interchangeable English glosses, some homophonous senses, and some collocations which may be either idiomatic or combinatorial.

1. Introduction

The Dagomba are one of the most widespread and numerous peoples of Northern Ghana. They have two principal centres, Tamale and Yendi, centred in the Northern territories. Their language, Dagbani or Dagbanli, is widely known as a second language in north-eastern Ghana. Despite this, no dictionary of their language has ever been published. This draft is for circulation only.

2. Transcription

Dagbani is a member of the Oti-Volta language group, which in turn forms one major branch of the Gur family (Manessy 1975). Its closest relatives are likely to be the languages Talni and Nabti. Most of these languages show marked vowel harmony and thus have either seven or nine vowels in ±ATR pairs. Historically, in Ghana, the transcription of most languages has followed the pattern of Twi, with seven vowels, adding /ɛ/ and /ɔ/ to the five cardinal vowels. Despite this tradition, the phonology of Dagbani is exceptional. The open vowels /ɛ/ and /ɔ/ have merged with their closed counterparts and a central vowel /ə/ has developed. This was represented in some orthographies with /i/ but most recent publications eschew this. Academic publications on Dagbani are (Fisch 1913; Benzing 1969, 1971; Wilson 1963, 1970, 1972 & 1976; Wilson & Bendor-Samuel 1969).

Despite its importance, Dagbani has no standard writing system. The orthography used in the Bible is not the same as that recommended in academic publications such as Wilson (1972) nor that used by the current Dagbani literacy committee. Present writing systems do not accurately represent the sounds of the language. The intention is therefore to transcribe Dagbani in a phonemic orthography so that words can be pronounced correctly. Readers may then convert words to a writing system with which they feel comfortable (see Table 1).

Dagbani has two dialects, East and West, centred around Yendi and Tamale. In many cases, words are very similar or the same in both dialects. Where differences have been recorded, there are given with the abbreviations;

ED	Eastern or Yendi Dialect
WD	Western Dialect

The reference forms given here are based on the dialect of the Tamale area. The most common differences are vowel sounds, ways of forming the plural and the exchange of /r/ and /l/. Speakers seem to have little trouble adapting to these differences. The Nanumba people, speaking the Nani language, who live in scattered settlements in the south-east of the Dagomba area use very similar terms to those in Dagbani, often with small vowel changes.

Vowels

Dagbani has six vowels;

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Close-Mid	e	ɪ	o
Open		a	

These can all occur in any position except /i/ which is confined to stems. Vowels may be long or short, except for /i/. A long vowel is marked by doubling. Ghanaian orthographies traditionally mark seven vowels, i.e. the five symbols used in English together with ε and ɔ. These are actually unnecessary for Dagbani, although now that the tradition has been established, writing them will probably continue.

Table 1 shows how to convert these characters to those used here;

Table 1. Vowel conversion table

Commonly written	This document
ɛ	→ e
ɔ	→ o

The i sound can be written as ‘i’ if the reader wishes to transcribe some of the words into one of the other Dagbani orthographies.

Consonants

The consonants are as follows;

	Bilabia l	Labio-dental	Alveolar	Alveopalatal	Palatal l	Velar	Labial-velar
Plosive	p b		t d	c j		k g	kp gb
Fricative		f v	s z	ʃ ʒ		h (χ)	
Nasal	m		n			ŋm	
Lateral			l				
Tap				r			
Approximant	w				y		

Most orthographies mark /χ/ the velar fricative as a separate consonant. This appears to be unnecessary as /χ/ is simply a positional allophone of /g/ between vowels. Nonetheless, it is marked in the present text as Dagbani speakers are familiar with it. The voiceless alveopalatal /tʃ/ is usually written ‘ch’ in Ghanaian languages following English orthographic practice and this is also retained. The palatal nasal /ɲ/ is written ‘ny’. /ʒ/ is written ‘sh’ by /ʒ/ uses the IPA symbol. Both alveopalatal fricatives are allophones of their alveolar counterparts but they will be written here following Dagbani orthographic practice.

The palatals /ʃ/ and /ʒ/ are in near-complementary distribution with their alveolar counterparts /s/ and /z/. In word initial and word-medial position, the palatals occur before front vowels, /i/ and /e/ and the alveolars before back and central vowels, /o/, /u/, /a/ and /ɪ/. The exception to this occurs with the -si suffix, which is quite common in the names of plants and animals and which does not appear to be shifting to the palatal form. However, it is in complementary distribution with initial and medial palatals. Since suffixes such as -ʃi never occur. There are, however, some words where -si- occurs in the penultimate syllable;

sapasini	captain of the Dagomba Army	<English ‘sergeant’ via Twi
suhuyiṣili	hot-temperedness.	

The likely explanation for this is that Dagbani has gone through a process of multiple affixing. The -si- in **suhuyiṣili** was once a suffix and has had another suffix placed beyond it. The word **sapasini**, a loanword, was then analysed as conforming to this type of morphology.

Dagbani has no zi- suffix and thus almost all cases of /z/ + front vowel are realised as /ʒ/. Dagbani lists frequently include numerous words that begin zi- but it seems that in all cases the vowel is actually /i/, i.e. a central vowel. A few words have been cited with /ʒ/ + central vowel. It seems these may be loanwords that are insufficiently phonologised.

lòòzúlí

lòòzúyá

Gomphrena celosoides (Amaranthaceae)

kaʒala	ketinima	a fife	?? (CHECK!) (T).
zahi		stagger	<i>KO ? 3ehi</i>
dòzím	dòzímá		yellow flour from the dawadawa (locust) pod
góózié	gózéhì		acacia with red bark
nanzido		tree	
			<i>Amblygonocarpus andongensis</i> (Oliv.) Exell & Torre
nanzili	nanziya	tree used to make charcoal	
			<i>Prosopis africana</i> (Guill. & Perr.) Taub.

Although /n/, /m/, /ŋ/ and /ɲ/ are separate phonemes in initial position, in syllable-final position their realisation is determined by the consonant following. Thus /N/ is velarised, i.e. [ŋ], before /k/, /g/ and /ŋm/ and the corresponding double articulations /kp/, /gb/ and /ŋm/. Before the labial consonants /b/, /p/ and /m/ it is realised as the bilabial /m/ and before the palatals /y/ and /ɲ/ as /ŋ/. In the case of the palatals, the phoneme /ŋ/ is written ‘ny’ in the orthography but where a sequence /ŋŋ/ occurs the first nasal is written simply ‘n’. Thus the infinitive form of the verb ‘to be’ will be written n-nye/ɛ. In all other cases, /N/ in syllable-final position is realised as /n/. All these realisations could in theory be simply written ‘n’ but Dagbani orthographic tradition generally writes the surface realisation, except in the case of [ŋ]. This is not always consistent in writing, probably because different speakers have different perceptions of the degree to which particular compounds have been phonologised.

mpaaya game of tossing cowries into a distant hole

Non-Phonemic palatalisation and labialisation

Initial consonants may be palatalised or labialised under the influence of the following vowel. The broad rule is that in initial position, palatals are heard before front vowels and labials before back vowels. Thus;

Phonemic	Phonetic	Orthographi c	Gloss
bee	[b̥yee]	biee	leg
bii	[b̥yii]	bii	to be hot
boo	[b̥woo]	boo	What?
bu	[b̥wu]	bu	to beat

Orthographically, therefore, this is only marked in the case of consonant + /e/. It should be emphasised that there is considerable variation between speakers and that the degree of the prosody is influenced by the vowels of successive syllables. Marking this is not strictly necessary, since speakers automatically insert the palatalisation. However, as with the other conventions, it is retained to make words easier to read.

In the case of some final syllables there are apparent exceptions. In a few words, the central vowels and even the front vowels are apparently labialised. The probable source of this are the disappearance of intervocalic consonants and then assimilation to C₁.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{Thus:} & \text{C} + \text{u} + \text{Ca} & \rightarrow & \text{Cwa} \\ & \text{C} + \text{i} + \text{Ca} & \rightarrow & \text{Cya} \end{array}$$

gùnààzúá	gùnààzúé	<i>Hoslundia opposita</i> Vahl
kpárachiâ	kpárachíhì	Snuff- box tree
púmpónchiâ	púmpónchihí	shrub and edible <i>Strychnos</i> fruit
	ì	

Tones

Ghanaian convention does not mark tone in orthographies, regardless of its importance in individual languages. The Dagbani tone system is described by Wilson (1970, 1972) and there is no doubt that a secure command of the tones is required to become a competent speaker of Dagbani. However, individual words spoken in isolation can usually be understood by speakers even if the tones are incorrect. This should not deter researchers from learning the correct tonal pattern for each plant name.

There are two level tones and downstep, marked as follows:

High	'
Downstep	!
Low	`

Downstep is a type of high tone that lowers the pitch of the rest of the word.

Those who are not familiar with tones can simply ignore the tone marks and write the words without them.

DAGBANI DOES NOT HAVE A WRITING SYSTEM AGREED BY EVERYONE. IF SOME OF THE CONVENTIONS IN THIS GUIDE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE YOU USE THEN SIMPLY CONVERT THEM. THE CORE OF THE GUIDE IS THE ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION OF PLANT NAMES.

Plurals and other forms

Like most Gur languages, Dagbani has an elaborate system of plurals for nouns that consist generally of alternating a CV suffix. However, in some cases these suffixes are irregular or have become reduced, and in some cases also the stem vowels undergo changes. Recording plurals is very important, as in many cases, the plural of a tree name is the name of its fruits or leaves.

Variability in Dagbani speech

mábágá máuwá bushbaby

Parts of Speech

Like all languages, Dagbani words can be classified according to the function they have in the sentence. These are known as 'parts of speech' -the most well-known types are nouns and verbs. The following table gives the abbreviations used in the dictionary with short explanations;

Abbreviation	Full form	Explanation
a.	Adjective	Describes a noun
adv.	Adverb	Qualifies a verb
aff.	Affix	A prefix or suffix
aux.	Auxiliary	Added to a verb to modify it, like a tense-marker
av.p.	Adverbial Phrase	Phrase used to qualify a verb
conj.	Conjunction	A word used to join two or more nouns, verbs or clauses
dem.	Demonstrative	Words used to point out something. 'this', 'that' etc.
excl.	Exclamation	Greetings or expressions that do not form part of an ordinary sentence
int.	Interrogative	Question words
n.	Noun	Refers to things, objects etc.
num.	Numeral	Number
part.	Particle	Short words added to complete the sentence
p.n.	Proper Name	A name of a person or object; always capitalised
prep.	Preposition	A word positioning nouns or verbs in time or space
pron.	Pronoun	A word that stands for a noun
v.	Verb	Expresses action
v.a.	Verbal auxiliary	A particle placed next to a verb to change its tense or application
v.e.	Verbal extension	An affix added to a verb to extend its meaning
v.i.	Intransitive Verb	A verb with no object
v.t.	Transitive verb	A verb with an object

Needless to say, these categories were developed to describe English grammar and not all Dagbani words fit neatly into them. For example, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish verbs from adjectives. Only a clear grammatical description will help the reader understand the function of a word in a sentence. At that point, the assignment to a particular part of speech is somewhat arbitrary; what counts is consistency throughout.

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a	architecture	dr	item of dress	mt	mat
ag	agriculture	e	emotions	p	person
		ep	epithet		
ai	agricultural implement	f	fish	pd	personal decoration
an	ant	fa	farming		
ap	animal part	fo	food	pl	plant
		fr	fruit	po	pot
b	bird	g	grass	r	reptile, amphibian
bf	bodily fluid	ga	game	s	snake
bm	body mark, sore etc.	go	gourd	sh	shrub

	gr	grasshopper			
bp	body part	h	herb	so	song
bs	basket	hu	hunting equipment	t	tree
c	crop	i	insect	ti	title
cl	climatic	j	jewellery	tm	temporal (adverbs)
co	colour	k	kinship	to	tool
cr	crustacean	la	landscape	tp	tree part
d	disease, sickness	ma	mammal	tr	traditional religion
da	domestic animal	me	medicine	tx	textile
dc	dance	mi	musical instrument	v	vine
dk	drink	mo	money	w	weaving
				w	weather
				y	yam

Singular	pl./imprf	p/o/s	cl.	Definition	Comment
A					
a		pron.		personal pronoun, second person singular, nom. or obj. case. you.	A zumi. You did steal. O nyāŋ a. He defeated you.
a		excl.		an exclamation of excitement or surprise.	A! a paaina! You have arrived.]
aa		excl.		an exclamation of disgust or censure.	Aa! bozuyu ka a niŋ lala? Ah! Why have you done this?
aakai		n.		disapproval	<i>KO</i>
aayi		excl.		no, wrong, that is not so	<i>KO</i>
abaa		excl.		expression showing disapproval	<i>KO see abba</i>
abada		adv.		never. (Used word final in negative sentence)	Lala ku niŋ, hali abada. That will never happen.] {Blair: ever, used after a negative sentence. (A)}
abba		excl.		an exclamation of disgust.	Abba, Chel vuri. For goodness' sake.] see abaa
abe		n.		palm nuts	<i>KO</i>
abe tia		n.	t	oil palm	<i>KO</i>
abinfuura		n.		balloon	(Hausa) <i>KO</i>
abirima		n.		state of collapse brought on by fear.	{Blair: a'berema }
aboboi		n.		plantain	
abuya		n.		friend	(Hausa 'female friend') <i>KO</i>
adaka	adakani	n.		box.	<Twi {Blair: pl., adakanema }
adakabila	ma	n.		ballot box	'small box' <i>KO</i>
adashi	adashine	n.		1. pledged amount 2. the collected sum of pledges from the members of a society, distributed in an accepted order until all have shared 3. a greeting in acknowledgement of kindness.	{Blair: pledge; also def 3} [Man su adashi goli ḥo ni. I received the pledge amount this month.]
adiini	adikone	n.		religion	
adiko	ma	n.		bag or cloth in which travellers carry their kit.	(Arabic via Hausa) <i>KO</i>

Singular	pl./imprf	p/o/s	cl.	Definition	Comment
adiku		n.		bag, luggage	<i>KO</i>
adua		n.		prayer. prayers of intercession formal prayer ceremony	[O niŋ adua. He offered a prayer (as a Muslim priest). O suhi adua. He offered a prayer (as an individual supplicating).] (Arabic via Hausa)
adua		n.		pigeon-pea	< Hausa
adua		n.		<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	
afa	afanima	n.		1. Muslim priest	(<i>vide alfa</i>)Arabic via Hausa <i>mu'allifa</i>
				2. moths which swarm on animals' eyes, at dawn and dusk	
				3. pig (epithet).	
afi		n.		comb	<i>KO</i>
afu		n.		a disease of the eyelid.	[O doro maa niŋ afua. He is recovering from illness
afua		n.		1. recovering from sickness	[O nya afua. He has health, or, he has recovered.]
				2. health	[Tuma maa mali afua. The work is easy, or, the work is not difficult.]
				3. easy, not difficult.	
				4. reasonable or moderate in price	[Guli daa mali afua. The price of kola nuts is reasonable. Di daa niŋ afua. It is a moderate price.] {Blair: recovery from illness; health. 2. leisure}
afulo		excl.		exclamation to ward off witchcraft.	[Afulo! n dan a. The curse be on you. (lit. I am before you; I am free from your curses.)]
afulo		excl.		exclamation rejecting accusation.	[Afulo gba, n ku zu. Impossible, I will not steal.] {Blair: only def 1}
àgázéli		n.	cl	1. period of 10-20 days of sunshine immediately after the rains cease	
àgázéli		n.	d	2. fever contracted during this season.	
agba	agbanim	n.		cannon.	< Yoruba
agbaa	a	n.			
agbadudu		n.		noon, twelve o'clock; zenith	<i>KO</i>
		n.		leaves of an edible shrub having light pink flowers, used in broth.	[ED saapiriwa. n. .] {Blair: leaves of an edible shrub, with light pink flowers, used in broth. (Yendi dialect. Tamale equivalent, saapirewa)} (shiny local material <i>KO</i>)
ago	agonima	n.		velvet cloth	<Yoruba via Hausa
agogo	agogoni	n.		watch; clock. bicycle bell	
ma					
agufu	agufuni	n.		interpreter.	<Hausa
ma					
ai		excl.		no.	
akabiya	akabiya	n.		disease that causes rough patches in the skin of hands or	[O mali akabiya. He has 'akabiya.' - Akabiya sabilli
	nima				

Singular	pl./imprf	p/o/s	cl.	Definition	Comment
				feet.	bee akabiya pielli? Black patches or white patches?] {Blair: white patches in the skin accompanied by itching; not sores}
akarma		n.		drummer	(of talking drums)
aku		excl.		an exclamation of amusement, astonishment, or mocking.	[Aku! Gbonalana di o ba yili. The regent has succeeded his father.]
akunta		n.		accountant	<English
akutaku		excl.			[<i>vide</i> aku]
akpaaku		n.		dock ??	KO
akpayila		a.		cold, shivering	KO
alaamiisi		p.n.		Thursday	days of week are Hausa fr. KO Arabic
ala		int.		1. how much? 2. how many?	
alaafee	alafenim	n.		pineapple.	alaafee
alakli	a alakya	n.		the last Wednesday in the month.	[it is thought to be a bad day, that no journey should be made on that day, and that no business will prove profitable if begun on that day.]
alaamu		n.		omen. (calamity KO)	[Usually considered a bad omen unless designated al amu sunj , a good omen.]
alah		n.		cheap price.	
alahali	alahalini	n.	y	red yam.	<Hausa
alahari		p.n.		Sunday.	(alahiri KO)
alahachi		n.		sin; an offence against God.	[<i>vide</i> , taali .]
alahachilan	alahachi	n.		sinner.	
a	nima				
alahaziba		n.		1. wonder, amazement	[<i>vide</i> , alebo] [Yalli maa niŋ ma alahaziba. The matter amazes me.] [Motuka yiŋirgu mali alahaziba pam. The aeroplane is very wonderful.]
(alahazibu <i>KO</i>)				2. unnatural event.	[Alaha vielli , good omen. Alaha bieyu , bad omen.]
alah		n.		omen.	
alaka		n.		1. trouble	[O nya alaka pam. He has had much trouble.]
				2. punishment	[Be niŋ o alaka. They punished him.]
				3. persecution/s (KO)	<Hausa
alala		int.		how much for each?	[when quantities are on display.]
alali		n.		cowardice.	[O niŋ alali. He is cowardly.]
alali		a.		1. pure; real	[Dolinjo nyela anzinfa alali. This is real silver.] [O bi alali. His legitimate child. <Arabic dialect, Alamsi] <Arabic
Alamihi		p.n.		2. lawful; legitimate.	
				Thursday.	

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alamyalam		excl.		an expression meaning ‘No one knows’.	[used by itself].
Alaraba		p.n.		Wednesday.	<Arabic(alaabu Alaarbu KO)
alacheyu	alacheri	n.	b	large bird which feeds principally on grasshoppers.	<Hausa
aliC see also	aliC				
alcheba	alcheban	n.		cape with a hood.	
ima					
alchiidiri	alchiidiri	n.		bucket.	
	nima				
Alchiyama		p.n.		the last day; the resurrection day; the judgement day	
alebo		n.		disgraceful act.	(something very little <i>KO</i>)
aleji		n.		palm kernel oil.	
aleefu		n.	c	‘spinach’ (a green vegetable)	<i>KO</i>
aleewa		n.		1. honey cooked until hard, cut in pieces and sold as a sweet	< Hausa
				football dribbling	
				a trick.	
alegeeta	algeetani	n.		shawm	O niŋ ma aleewa. He played a trick on me.]
	ma				< Hausa
alehitama		n.		doubtful.	[<i>vide behuŋ</i>]
(?)					
aleluyani		n.		Assemblies of God church	‘Halleluya!’ <i>ni</i> (at) <i>KO</i>
alfa	alfanima	n.		Muslim priest; one versed in the Koran.	[dialectal, <i>see a'fa</i>].
alfaani		n.		1. usefulness	[Di mali alfaani. It is useful.]
				2. grace; blessing.	[Naawuni ni niŋ alfaani niŋ a bihi ni. May God bless your children.]
alfoni	alfonnim	n.		picture.	<Twi [anfoni B.D.]
	a				
algaya		adv.		exceptionally.	Di viella algaya. It is exceptionally beautiful.
alhaji	alhajini	n.		a pilgrim who has been to Mecca.	<Hausa
aliC see also					
alC					
alibarika	alibarika	n.		1. blessing; grace	Arabic via Hausa
	nima			2. a word to mean ‘No thanks’ between buyer and seller	‘Lower your price’/ ‘Raise your offer’ (T.N.)
				3. used in phrase ‘Sha alibarika,’ ‘thank you.’	
aliba(sa)		n.		onion.	<Arabic via Hausa [<i>vide gabanyuli</i> .]
alicheba		n.		cloak; coat	Arabic via Hausa ; cf. <i>KO zabba</i>
aligaaya		adv.		really	<i>KO</i>
aligusu		n.		1. fraud	[O niŋ ma aligusu. He defrauded me. O mali aligusu. He is a fraud
				2. treachery	<Hausa
				3. mischief (when used of	

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aliguufu		a.		actions of children).	
Aligbe		p.n.		little	<i>KO</i>
aliheeri		n.		Ewe	<i>KO</i>
				1. gift	
				2. kindness	
				3. idiom: d-aliheeri , with good.	(Usually used as a response to a statement, wishing one well).
alikaalimi		n.		pencil, pen	Arabic via Hausa ‘reed’ <i>KO</i>
alkalmi					
alikaule		n.		covenant, promise, bond, contract	closer to Ar. <i>al qawli</i> ‘word’ than < Hausa <i>alkawari</i> <i>KO</i> [see alk...]
alikota		n.		helicopter	<English <i>KO</i>
alikundonj		n.		long cassock	<i>KO</i>
alingurma	alingur	n.		big horse.	[<i>vide aŋga</i>]
aliwalla		n.		ablution	(Hausa fr. Arabic) <i>KO</i>
aliwurti	aliwura	n.		joker; a comedian.	
alizama		n.		conversation.	[Di alizama. To converse.]
alizama		n.		conversation	Arabic via Hausa ‘meeting, <i>KO</i> party’
alizanda		n.		heaven; paradise.	
alizimba		n.		Friday.	<Arabic (also alizimma <i>KO</i>)
alizini	alizinni	n.		1. spirit; genie	<Arabic[alizin’suŋ , good spirit; alizin’bieyu , evil spirit.]
	ma			2. disposition or mood.	[N chaŋmi tu o d-alizin’suŋ . I met him in a good disposition. O d-alizin’bieyu n-yiysi. He is in a bad mood.]
alizimbieyu	alizimbi	n.		evil spirit	aliziN- Arabic via Hausa ‘Jinn’ + DB -bieyu ‘bad’ <i>KO</i>
	ri				
alkalami	alkalam	n.		pen, pencil or anything used for writing.	
alkali		n.		1. judge	
				2. soothsayer	Arabic via Hausa
				3. a literate	idiom: [Pah alkali ni Nawuni , to give up the ghost.]
				4. Muslim priest.	
alkauli		n.		1. promise	
				2. pledge	
				3. Lo alkauli , to promise, to pledge	
				4. Pali alkauli , to fulfil a promise or pledge.	
alkudonj	alkudon	n.	tx	grey baft	
	nima				
Alkuraan	Alkuraan	n.		the Koran.	<Arabic
	nnima				
alleeyi		n.	tp	palm-oil	
almaʒiri	almaʒiri	n.		a student of the Koran.	<Arabic
	nima				
alobu	alobuni	n.		1. plague	[aloba , ED] Hausa <i>annoba</i> fr. Arabic <i>al waba'</i>
	ma			2. epidemic	
				3. calamity <i>KO</i>	
alobu		n.		good luck.	[A d-alobu na be nyaanja.

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					Your good luck is still to come.]
alobulana	alobuni	n.		a lucky person.	
	ma				
alsahilana	alsahini	n.		joker; jester.	[dialectic, asa'hilana.]
	ma				
aluura		n.		reddish dye.	<Hausa
aluura	aluurani	n.		teak tree.	<Hausa
alwalla		n.		ablution.	<Hausa
alzifu		n.		pocket	Arabic via Hausa <i>KO</i>
amaa		conj.		but	Arabic via Hausa
amaada		n.		the Sahara desert.	<Hausa <Arabic
amaana		n.		trusteeship; the holding or keeping or administering something for another.	[Niŋ amaana , to entrust; mali amaana , to break confidence, or to defraud. <i>KO</i>
amaana		n.		corruption (! - see above)	
amaŋka		n.		stretcher; type of carriage	
amashera		excl.		an expression of thanksgiving.	[N'a soha, amazara. Thank you for yesterday's favour (or hospitality).]
ami				Amen.	
amii		excl.		1. introductory particle meaning 'do you know?' used with double questions	[Amii a sa ni labna bieyu bee a ku labna? Do you know, will you return tomorrow, or will you not return?]
		part.		2. introductory particle meaning 'no one knows,' or 'who knows whether?' [maybe; 'I wonder if ..' (tentative suggestion, request, proposal) <i>KO</i>]	[Amii n sa ni labna bee n ku labna? Who knows whether I will return or not?]
amiila	amiilani	n.		sword suspender made with wool yarn.	<Hausa
	ma				
amiinsi		n.		1. a secret agreement, covenant, contract.	[M min' o mali amiinsi. He and I have a secret agreement
				2. charity; good will	
amiliya		n.		1. bride	[O mali amiinsi ni nirba. He is a charitable person (a man of good will). [Arabic via Hausa 'trust(worthiness)']
				2. marriage.	[Lo amiliya, to marry.]
amilia	amilia	n.		bridesmaid.	(Muslim or Christian)
zozonima					
amilianima					
ampe					
amsa					
anabi	anabini	n.		answer	<Hausa <i>KO</i>
	ma			prophet.	Arabic via Hausa
anabtali		a.		prophecy	-tali is abstract noun from noun derivation <i>KO</i>
anahi		num.		four	

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anashaara		n.		European	Arabic via Hausa <i>KO</i>
anchiti		n.		handkerchief	<i>KO</i>
anfaani		n.		benefit, dividend	Arabic via Hausa <i>KO</i>
aniini	aniinnim	n.		one tenth of a penny	West African English
	a				
aniwula	aniwuliy	excl.		a salutation as an evening greeting.	Gj.
	a				
ansarsi		n.		mockery; ridicule.	[mali ansarsi , to mock or ridicule (stronger term than ' ziem ').]
antire		n.		a salutation as a midday greeting.	
anu		num.		five.	
anuura		n.		1. worth; value 2. usefulness.	
anyangbana		n.		maize.	
anyibi		n.		1. unfaithfulness 2. untrustworthiness 3. mali anyibi , to be unfaithful or untrustworthy.	
anyoyti	anyoytin	n.		yam cultivar	[sangalnjo , WD]
	ima				
anzansi		n.		courage; persistence.	
anzinfa		n.		silver.	
angarma	angarma	n.		a big horse.	<Hausa [dialectic, aliŋarma .]
	nima				
ango	agonim	n.		bridegroom.	
	a				
ango zo	ango	n.		best man	
	zonima				
ankadi		n.		1. occult powers by which other powers may be bound 2. it may be used in binding the rain.	<Hausa [<i>vide Kabre</i>]
aŋko		n.		omen.	[aŋko vielli , good omen; aŋko bieyu , bad omen] [<i>vide, alahe</i>] [dialectic, haŋko]
					<Hausa [<i>vide, ashaara</i>]
asaara		n.		loss; misfortune.	
asadachi		n.		dowry.	
asafi		n.		1. comical conduct 2. comical person.	
asafilana	asafinim	n.		comical person.	
	a				
asafihili		n.		comical conversation.	
asahi		n.		joke; jest.	[dialectic, alsahi]
asahilana	asahinim	n.		joker, jester.	[dialectic, alsahilana]
	a				
asama		n.		1. cheapness of price. 2. ease, i.e. without difficulty	[Di daa mali asama . The market price is cheap.] [Wor'bali mali asama n-gari buŋbali . horse riding is easier than donkey riding.]
asanza	asanzani	n.		one with an exemplary character; a distinguished	
	ma				

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asiba		n.		person; a brave person.	
asibasi		n.		morning.	
asibirr		excl.		early morning.	
				imperative, introductory particle asking for attention.	[Asibirr! chel ka a wum di yelmanli. Silence! Wait until you hear the truth.] <Arabic
asibiri		n.		Saturday.	
asooma	asooman	n.		A plant with bulbous roots used in dying skins yellow, hence yellow colour.	
	ima				
ashaala		adv.		in reality, or not knowing (interchangeable with ‘ashee’)	[vide, inshaala] [N yeliya ni o zi ni ashaala o pun mi ni. I said that he did not know there, in reality, he already knew the place.] <Hausa [dialectic, asa’ara]
ashaara		n.		loss, misfortune.	
ashee		excl.		equivalent to the English ‘really,’ ‘in reality,’ ‘actually’	[Ashe’e! O kpiya? Really! Has he died? N yeliya ni a si ni ashee, o pun mi ni. I said that he did not know there, in reality, he already knew the place.]
ashiloni		adv.		secretly.	
Ata		n.		name of an elder male twin; Ata’wa, a female.	
ata		num.		three.	
ataa		excl.		really; of a truth (in explaining facts).	[Ataadee, o daa ka n yij’ na, yuŋ. Of a truth, he came to my house at night.]
atalata		n.		Tuesday.	
atam		n.		1. farm produce.	
				2. rich soil	
atani		n.		Monday.	
achiika		excl.		meaning ‘that is true.’	
achiikatim		excl.		emphatic form of ‘achiika’, Verily, verily, in fact.	
atužieyü	atužieri	n.		shrub, the roots of which are used for medicine.	
awai		num.		nine.	
awuraba	awuraba	n.		educated woman.	
ayaba		n.		plantain.	
ayayoo		excl.		an expression used to arouse shame, (cried out with hands raised and fingers extended).	
				an expression of displeasure, regret or disappointment.	
ayeı		excl.			< Hausa
ayi		num.		six.	
ayihali	ayigalini	n.		small seeds, imported from Nigeria, used for medicinal purposes. (seldom used in plural form).	[Nyarimaŋa zuya, ayayoo! The self conceited one has stolen, oooooh!]< Hausa
	ma				

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ayiinsi		n.		1. dishonesty 2. unreliability.	[O niŋ ma ayiinsi. He was dishonest with me.]
ayobu		num.		six.	
ayopoin		num.		seven.	
azaaba		n.		1. trouble 2. woe.	
azali		n.		1. fate 2. beginning (when proceeded by ‘tum’).	[O d-azali doro, his fated sickness.] [Tum azali, nayıya nye o. He was a thief from the beginning.] <Hausa
azichi		n.		treasure; riches.	
azichilana	azichini	n.		wealthy person.	
azua		n.		food.	[<i>vide, zuri</i>]
aʒi		n.		pilgrimage to Mecca	
aʒia	aʒianima	n.		1. female who goes on a pilgrimage to Mecca 2. belongings.	[O d-aʒia be n sani. His belongings are with me.]

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ba	banima	n.		1. father 2. title of respect.	
ba		pron.		personal pronoun, third person plural, objective case, them.	
ba	-ra	v.		1. to ride 2. to mount a horse. 3. to shackle; to fetter. 4. to peg put a skin for drying. 5. to perform a rite in the interest of another.	[v.n babu or bali, riding.] be ba o bandi m' bayo , I have taken my place on the seat of motor bike
					[ba bandi , to shackle with leg irons]
					du ba ‘dominate’
ba daaŋa		v.p.		to perform the rite to establish legitimacy	
ba ɳmani		v.p.		to perform a rite recognising a wife as a mother	
baa	bahi	n.		1. dog. 2. low, marshy ground, swamp.	[male form: baaloyu.]
baachali		n.		1. tale-bearing 2. gossiping.	
baai	baara	v.		1. to put up shoots to take root to revive (of plants)	grow <i>KO</i>
baa jila				to take root 2. to cease to rain. 3. to unlock, (fetters, etc.)	o che ka baai m puhi vari , take root and shoot leaves saa baaya , it stopped raining. come off the handle (e.g. hoe blades) <i>KO</i>

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baai		v.		lay or put across gap; cross over (river);	baai du moyli , cross over the river
baai...kaŋa		v.p.		to wear s.t. out	o baai o cheche maa kaŋa zaa ka naai yi kohili. He wore out his bicycle before selling it.
baaji		n.		bag	<English
baalim		adv.		1. quietly 2. slowly 3. gently 4. carefully.	
baam		n.		smell of animals incl. human beings	<i>KO</i>
baamaya		n.		type of dance	<i>KO</i>
baanja	baansi	n.		singer	<i>KO</i>
baatiri		n.		battery	<i>KO</i> <English
baatoha	baatoha nima	n.		1. hunter's dog 2. dog trained to scent out game.	
baba	babanim a	n.		title of the second chief butcher.	
babiela		adv.		not in the least; none.	
babielfu		a.		entirely nil.	
babito	babitonim a	n.		half brother or sister, born of the same father.	
babli	baba	n.		featherless fowl.	
bachi		n.		alphabet, letter(s) of alphabet	<i>KO/JC</i> : from ‘a-b-c’ [TN]
bachi bia	bachi bihi	n.		letter of the alphabet.	
baya		n.		attention, concern, interest	<i>KO</i> baya ka ‘negligence’
baya	baysi	n.		soothsayer	<i>KO</i>
bagalua		n.	t	acacia arabica tree	(used in tanning hides).
bayayuli	bayayuy a	n.		1. magical powers and practices 2. superstition in general.	traditional sacrifice <i>KO</i>
baybia	baybihim a	n.		bead ??	<i>KO</i>
baybee		n.		stick of a soothsayer	<i>KO</i>
bayi -ra		v.		1. to lurk 2. to skulk. 3. to eavesdrop. 4. to be pregnant, (of animals). 5. to be next to, to touch, to wear (leaves, skins)	
				6. to be tired (impersonal)	O mal bayli it is pregnant
bayi		prep.		by the side of	O bayila vari , he is weaving leaves
bayimpion	bayimpi ma	n.	b	coucal	O bin bayla naa difeli ??
bayisi		v.		grind (wet things, spices)	O yen' bayla ti yin̄a A bia je mbag' o
					<i>KO</i> bayisi kuyili ‘grinding stone’

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bayli -nda		v.		1. to recline to lean an object against anything 2. to eavesdrop 3. to mount another back of a rider of a horse or bicycle.	
bayli		n.		pregnancy in animals	<i>KO</i>
bayri		n.		mud.	<i>KO</i>
bayri		v.		soothsaying	<i>KO</i>
baysi -ra		v.		1. to grind (of groundnuts, shea nuts or beans) 2. to walk stealthily, with a purpose.	[<i>vide bayisi</i>]
bahi	-ra	v.		1. to dismiss 2. to finish 3. to let go (free) 4. to throw away 5. to miscarry 6. to expire, terminate; finish; die 7. to throw underhand, to toss 8. to cast a net 9. to keep animals for breeding 10. to lose 11. to stretch, as a rope or thread.	[<i>Piringa baysiri gulinyaana</i> . The policeman is walking cautiously behind the house. <i>KO bahi</i> (..) ‘provide a meal’; <i>kpaai bahi</i> ‘spill’]
bahi moni		v.p.		feed a household’ (give out a ration of grain for women to cook for household)	[<i>Bia maa zaŋ saafi maa bahi</i> . The child lost the key.]
bahi .. noli		v.p.		permit	
bahi yoli		v.p.		become useless’; be lost, come to ruin	
bahigu	bahisi	n.		puff adder	[<i>bahi'sun</i> , good ending;
bahigu		n.		1. ending	<i>bahi'bieyu</i> , bad ending.]
				2. doom	<i>KO saha din ka bahigu</i>
				3. bahigu sun , good fortune.	‘forever’ ‘time which not have ending’
bahim -nda		v.		to learn	[<i>bohim</i> , WD]
bahiri	bahirini	n.		illegitimate child; bastard.	[<i>vide sheje</i>]
ma					
bahiyoli		n.		doom, perishing	<i>KO [vide bahi]</i>
bàhùgò	bàhìsì	n.	s	Puff adder	<i>Bitis arietans</i>
bakwoi		n.		a week.	<Hausa
bala		pron.		that	<i>KO</i>
bala		v.		1. to be soft	[Gboŋ maa bala . The skin is soft.]
				2. to be keen of hearing.	[O tiba bala . He hears very well.]
				3. to be cheap.	[Di daa bala .The market price is cheap.]

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				4. to be easier than. 5. to be luxurious in living.	[Bohigu dimbojo bala gari di kpee. This question is easier than that other.] [O diri din bala. He is eating luxuriously. O borí dim bala. He likes an easy place.]
bala		v.		6. to be thin 7. to be flexible. be (sentence filler) Q/ ‘it’ relation	<i>KO m+bala</i> ‘is that’ deictic predication, but not verb
balajkon	balajko	n.	mi	hollowed-out piece of wood beaten to frighten pests from the fields.	
balbu	balbuni	n.	ma	variety; kind; species.	[Note: to express many kinds of things the singular form is repeated, balbu balbu.] : <i>KO</i> (<i>yeltoya</i>) balbu ‘dialect/s’
balee		adv.		1. how much less 2. how much more.	[N ka bua balee nahu. I haven’t a goat, how much less a cow.]
balga	balsi	n.	m	mongoose	
balga	balsi		a	1. slender 2. thin.	
balgi -ra		v.		1. to be soft after having been hard, as leather 2. to slack off (as work) 3. to improve in character 4. to be tamed.	[Tuma maa balgiya. The work has slackened.]
balgu		n.		an assortment of small units of..	<i>KO</i> [<i>vide balbu</i>]
bali		v.n.		riding, used mainly in compounded words to differentiate the kind of riding:	worbali , horse riding; buŋbali , donkey riding; chechebali , bicycle riding.
bali -ra		v.		1. to pass over, as rain clouds 2. to go away not to return.	‘go straight from a point without coming back, run away without coming back’ <i>KO</i>
bali balnda		v.		to remove stones or chaff	
bali loyu				to put poison on arrows	
bali loyu				to be downcast, dejected	
baligi		v.		become soft; slow down	<i>KO</i>
balim -nda		v.		1. to entreat 2. to soothe 3. to lull to sleep.	
balima		n.		shrub, the base of which are used as an aphrodisiac.	
balimbirim		adv.		slowly, quietly, carefully	<i>KO cf. baalim</i>
balimbieyu	balimbie	n.	ri	stink bug.	
balimgbini	balimgbi	n.	na	grass.	
balimkpieyu	balimkpi	n.	eri	bed bug.	
balintee		adv.		how much more.	[Paya so kaa ta, o bia yela

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balinchon	balincho	n.	c	species of long pepper.	
	na				
balnayu	balnari	n.		a Dagbamba gown with large long sleeves.	
balsi -ra		v.		1. to stare at 2. to canter 3. to mount a person on a horse.	
baluli	ballya	n.		place where a litter of pups is born.	
bam	bama	n.		the natural odour of animals and people.	
bam		n.		palm wine.	
bam -da		v.		1. to act in such a manner as to invoke pity 2. to move to pity 3. to chant or sing to drum accompaniment. 4. to make a sham excuse.	[O bamda ka di mali namboyu. His actions are pitiful
bama		n.		sham excuse.	
bambali	babaya	n.		tributary of a river.	[<i>vide bimbali</i>]
bambu		n.		person having least knowledge	<i>KO</i>
bambua	bambuhi	n.		red-flanked duiker.	[bambula' a, male form.]
ban		pron.		those who (relative, not Q); they, them, their (light emph.)	<i>KO</i>
bana		pron.		pronoun, 3rd. person plural, nom. case. those, these.	
banakansiln li	banakan sili or banakan silma	n.		[ED] skink [TN]	[<i>vide bangkalansil'nli, WD</i>] {Blair: banaka'nsi'lne , pl., banakansila or banakansi'lma }
banandoyu	banando ri	n.		large, black scorpion.	
banchi	banchini ma	n.		cassava root.	<Twi
bandacheen abandi		n.		chains	
Bandacheen a		p.n.		fifth month of the Dagomba year.	<i>KO</i> <English but Bandacheena is a lunar month-name
bandi	banda	n.		1. shackle 2. leg iron.	
bandoba		n.	v	a climbing plant, the leaves of which are used as a purgative.	
bandoyu	bandari	n.	r	male agama lizard.	<i>see baŋa</i>
banduyirgu	banduyi	n.		bushy plants usually grown on	

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	rsi			or near compounds, effective against fever.	
bani	bana	n.	mi	horn; bugle; musical instrument made from the horn of a water buck (gbeyu).	
banima		int.		plural form. who?	[Banima mbala? Who are they?] <i>KO</i> (Hausa)
banjida banla	banjirti	n. pron.		toilet plural form. the others; those others.	
bannyaj ma	bannya ma	n.	r	female agama lizard.	<i>see</i> banya
bantabga bantibo	bantabsi bantibon ima	n. n. n.		turban. large black malodorous cat.	
banya banyini baŋ		n. n. -da	da v.	bitch, female dog dog teeth = bite by a dog 1. to know 2. to recognise 3. to understand. understand	<i>KO</i> <i>KO</i> <i>KO</i> ‘...find out, get to know; be knowledgeable, skilful’
baŋ gbinní baja baja			r	agama lizard	<i>see</i> bandoyu
banbu	bansi	n.		1. bangle 2. collective word for musicians and singers.	
banda bandari bangumaŋa	bandiba	n. n. n.		1. knowledge 2. doctrine. able, knowledgeable person dark bay horse triumph or victory dance	<i>‘discovery’ KO</i> <i>KO</i>
baŋkalansil nli	baŋkala nsilma	n.	r	skink	[<i>vide</i> banakansilnli , ED]
baŋkani baŋkani		n.	c	new cocoyam	< Hausa?
baŋkaŋa baŋkaŋfiŋa	baŋkansi baŋkala nsilma	n. n.	c i	Xanthosoma mafaffa tick.	< Hausa?
baŋkaŋa baŋkargu	bankansi baŋkarsi	n. n.	i b	a tick in its larva or half-developed state. tick small bustard, commonly called ‘bush turkey.’	
baŋki baŋkóm à		n.	b		<i>KO cf. baŋkaŋa</i>
baŋkom	baŋkom a	n.	s	bank (for money) African sand snake	<i>KO <English</i> <i>Psammophis sibilans</i>
baŋkoŋu baŋlari baŋli baŋli		n. n. n. n.	1. greenish-blue colour derived from the juice of the creeping pea plant, ‘baŋli.’ d measles grass. v creeping pea plant. r agama lizard	<i>KO</i> : (? green mamba is a snake : ‘bean-water’ is green colour) [TN] [<i>vide</i> baŋkom] <i>KO</i>	
					<i>KO</i> ‘leaves of bean’ also ben- ? [bandoyu , male form.] The name is applied by convention to crocodiles in certain places.

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bañnarga		n.	v	creeping vine.	
bañpali	bañpaya	n.		sand crack between the toes.	(<i>vide gbañpalli</i> , ED)
bañsim		n.		1. knowledge 2. craft 3. art.	KO nuu bañsim ‘art, craft’ (cunning of hand)
bantooña	banpoons i	n.		sparrow hawk.	
bantooña		n.		too known fellow	<i>KO</i>
bapira	bapirani ma	n.		one's father's younger brother.	
bara	baranim a	n.		sick person, patient	
bara		n.		boasting, bragging.	
bara		n.		begging (<i>KO</i>) alms (<i>JC</i>)	nyu bara ‘to boast, brag’ [mali bara , to beg] (<i>JC</i>)
bara		v.		to be big, large, fat	
baralana	baranim a	n.		braggart.	di bara, bi daa borimi
baramaana	baramaa nba	n.		beggar	[<i>vide baramaanda</i> , ED]
baramaand a	baramaa ndba	n.		beggar	[<i>vide baramaana</i> , WD]
barazim	barazim a	n.		cat-o-nine-tails. 'leather whip' <i>KO</i>	barazum <i>KO</i>
baraže	baraženi ma	n.		a wide kind of trousers.	
barba	barbani ma	n.	da	a small pony.	<Bariba, a people in Benin Republic who breed these ponies
barga		n.	d	syphilis.	
barga	barsi	n.		1. a plant of which the leaves are used for broth 2. the bark for making rope.	[<i>vide balga</i> , ED]
bargi	-ra	v.		1. to rot (of meat) 2. to over-boil until a thing loses its form.	
bargu		n.		sickness.	
bari -ta		v.		1. to set a trap 2. to rake together (as leaves or rubbish).	
barichi	barichini ma	n.		rest house	(E). ‘barracks’
barigi		v.		undo a trap	<i>KO</i>
bar(i)gu		n.		sickness, illness	<i>KO</i>
barika		n.		1. blessing 2. an expression used in bargaining.	[a contraction of alibarika)
barika		excl.		said after one sneezes.	
barimaanja	barimaa nsi	n.		beggar	<i>KO</i> [<i>vide baramaana</i>]
barmaasu	barmaas unima	n.		a divided gown worn when riding horses.	
barna		n.		1. danger 2. risk	<Hausa : ‘harm, ... accident; damage, destruction’ (<i>KO</i>) ti barina ‘hurt, give (cause)

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bariŋ			n.	fake, not so good	harm'
barisi			v.	lose, get lost (?)	<i>KO</i>
barkoyu	barkori		n.	patient	<i>KO</i>
baronj	barima		n.	disease	'cf. barigu ' <i>KO(bariŋ KO)</i>
basaa			n.	disorder	<i>KO</i>
basali	basaya		n.	a curved Basari dagger.	
bàtändálí	bàtändá		n.	a field the first year after the yam crop has been harvested.	
yá					
batuuta	batuutan		n.	conjuror.	
	ima				
baula	baulani		n.	anvil.	
	ma				
bayaana			a.	plentiful.	'N: abundance' <i>KO</i>
bawahiriga			n.	barking dog	<i>KO</i>
bazinta			a.	1. indisputable 2. patent.	
be... bie...				all interchangeable	TN
bè		v..		1. to be present 2. to exist	'exist; be alive; live, dwell in/at; be in a place' (<i>KO</i>)
be mii ni			v.p.	3. to be at a certain place.	what is the mii ?
be tooni			v.p.	to be in trouble	tooni benibu 'leading' <i>KO be + bo</i> 'or what?'
bebo			aux.	'lead' (lit.: be in front)	
bebū			n.	put at end to mean not so	
bee	-ra		v.	1. habit 2. the outward actions of a person's life, lifestyle	
				1. to cut a straight line (through grass or leather)	bee <i>KO</i>
				2. to bridge a stream	
				3. to seal up.	
bee			conj.	or (always used between two parts of a double question).	
bee	 behi		n.	lower leg	<i>KO [vide bie'e]</i>
behigu			n.	1. character 2. the inner character or disposition of the heart.	
behim	-nda		v.	to doubt.	
behuj			n.	doubt.	[<i>vide alehitama</i>].
belli			n.	mattress	<i>KO</i>
benibu			v.	dwelling	<i>KO</i>
bi		pron.		personal pronoun, third person plural, nom. case. they.	
bi	-ra		v.	1. to reach the age of puberty 2. to be grown 3. to be ripe (of cereals and fruit) 4. to be cooked completely 5. to be courageous.	
bi			part.	not (used with past and present tenses of verbs).	[<i>vide ku</i>].
bia	bihī		n.	child.	[bidib'ga , masculine form. bipuy'inga , feminine form.]
bibgi -ra			v.	1. to seize 2. to pounce upon.	

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bibiee	bibiehi	n.		1. a pilferer 2. a rascal.	
bibietali		n.		mischief.	
bibilim		n.		1. mischief 2. a rascal.	
biblitutuyu	biblitutu	n.		a shrub putting forth a new shoot each year.	
bibilli	bibila	n.		1. a grub 2. maggot.	
bibirli		adv.		backwards in direction.	
bidibga	bidibsi	n.		a boy.	
bidiblim		n.		bravery	<i>KO</i>
bidibbini		n.		weapon	<i>KO</i> boys' equipment
bidoyiriba		n.		parents	<i>KO</i>
bie	biera	v.		to seal by besmearing.	[O bie o pupuru. He seals his granary.]
bie	biera	v.		to be bad	
bie	biera	v.		to be ugly	
bie'sheli		a.p.		one day	
bieyasiba		n.		early morning just after dawn.	
bieyu	bieri	n.		1. day 2. morning.	'the morrow, next day; dawn, early morning; day, countable period' <i>KO</i> neei bieu 'the next day' (lit.: 'when tomorrow brightens/wakes up')
bieyu kam		adv.		daily, every day	
bieyu ni		adv.		tomorrow	
bieyuni		n.		tomorrow.	
bieyu	bieri	n.	mi	two-stringed spike-lute played by older people for the dance nindoyu	This instrument has almost fallen out of use
bieyu	bieri	a.		1. wicked 2. malicious 3. bad 4. mean 5. ugly.	
biee	biehi	n.		calf of leg	
biekaali	biekaaya	n.		dawn.	
biela		a.		1. small 2. little. 3. few <i>KO</i>	
bielabiela		adv.		gradually; carefully; quietly	<i>KO</i>
bielfu		a.		infinitesimal (emphasised by repetition).	
bieli	biena	v.		to accompany, show sb. the way	
bieli	bieya or	n.		elder brother or sister.	[same sex as <i>Ego TN</i>] see tuzo
	bieyani				
	ma				
Bielikulisi		p.n.		19 th and last day of Damba	<i>KO</i>
dali					
bielim	bielima	n.		seed	
biem		n.		1. cantankerous, malice	[O mali aʒiloni biem. He has

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				2. temper	malicious designs.]
				3. stinginess.	[O biem bi viela . His temper is bad.]
biemlana	biemnim	n.		person motivated by malice, stinginess or ill will.	[Doo maa mali biem . The man is stingy.]
	a				
Bienmarga	bienmar	p.n.		morning star.	(Venus as ... [TN])
	si				
bienoli	bienoya	n.		dawn.	
biepuylí	biepuya	n.		calf of the leg.	
biergu		n.		paining, hurting.	
bieri		n.		placenta (??)	
bieri		n.		pain	
bierim		n.		illness, pain.	
bih -ra		v.		1. to boil <i>pito</i> the second day 2. to complete a yam mound.	
bihibindiem	bihibind	n.		doll	'child's plaything'
di	ema				
bihigu		n.		1. sand 2. breast of animals.	
bihikpaam		n.		milk.	<'butter' [TN]
bihilibiha		n.		female breast	KO
bihim		n.		milk	KO
bihinoli	bihinoya	n.		nipple, teat	
bii	-ra	v.		1. to be hot, as of the sun or fire 2. to be feverish.	
biingga	biinsi	a.		famous, heroic	KO
biisim		n.		1. heat 2. illness, particularly fever.	
bikoba		n.		1. loss of a child by miscarriage or early death 2. conjugal separation period after a miscarriage or the death of an infant.	
bikobalana	bikobani	n.		woman who has been bereaved by the loss of an infant by miscarriage or early death.	
	ma				
bikpayibú		n.		abortion	KO
bikpamdiga	bikpamd	n.		a pampered child.	
	isi				
bila		n.		a dance.	
bila	bihi	a.		little, small.	
bilaa	bilahi	n.		1. a domestic slave, a serf 2. child born by slaves in their master's house 3. naturalised captives or slaves 4. sons or daughters of witches, seized by a chief 5. suffix attached to names of months preceding Chimsi ,	

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bilbili		n.		Damba, Kpini, Nolori. uprising	
bilga	bilsı	n.		well, spring ,cistern.	<i>KO</i> an ‘uprising’ is a riot :
bilgi		v.		turn over; roll and shift a little	
bili	biya	n.		portion of meat consisting of the shoulder and wing of any bird.	<i>KO</i> or biligi
bili	binda	v.		1. to grow. to sprout 3. to shell 4. to rape 5. bile tum , to launch a project or campaign.	
bilichini		n.		noble person, patriot	<i>KO</i>
bilieyü	bilieri	n.		an infant.	suckling [TN - etym.]
bilikpiinja	bilikpiin si	n.		water bird.	
bilim		n.		1. childishness, 2. childhood.	
bilim -inda		v.		1. to roll 2. to roll on the ground.	
bilimbiliŋ	bilimbili ma	n.		roller.	
bilkoyuno	bilkoyun nima	n.		1. hypocrite 2. rascal 3. evil doer.	bilkoyindana (KO)
bilkoyinsi		n.		1. hypocrisy 2. rascality 3. villainy.	
bilinli	bilma	n.		1. seedling 2. sprout.	
bilsı -ra		v.		1. to spring (of water) 2. to make a despairing gesture 3. to challenge a soothsayer to divine correctly.	[Bayan ni bils'a, ban n-ti ma. Soothsayer, I challenge you. Show me the truth.]
bilchina	bilchinni ma	n.		1. nobleman 2. a person of good deportment and free truth.	
bilchinsi		n.		1. uprightness 2. nobility.	
bim		n.		1. essence of meat 2. broth containing such essence 3. a shrub used to poison fish.	
bimbali	bimbaya	n.		tributary of a river.	[<i>vide bambali</i>].
bimbini	bimbina	n.		sleeping place.	
bimbirli	bimbira	n.		seed for planting.	
bimboyli	bimboya	n.		1. cesspit 2. latrine.	
bimboŋ ni		n.		darkness	<i>KO</i>
bimburginli		n.		piece	<i>KO</i> N+A (Adj. is verbal participle) - thing- burgi -able
bimoyırısı		n.		breast-feeding children	<i>KO</i> N+A (Adj. is verbal participle) child-suck-AGENT-

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bin nani			a.	deformed	PL ; sg. shd. be bimoyiriga
binajayirgu	binajayi		n.	dung beetle.	<i>KO</i>
	ra				
binbirlí	binbira		n.	seed	<i>KO</i>
binboyili	binboya		n.	toilet	<i>KO</i> 'faeces pit'
binboriga	binbora		n.	need, want	<i>KO</i>
binbuysirig<u>u</u>			n.	measuring, scale	<i>KO</i> thing-show-
bincherli	binchera		n.	1. a rag 2. tattered clothing.	
bincherlana	binchera		n.	a raggedly attired person.	
	nima				
bindi	bina		n.	excrement, faeces, shit	
bindibga			n.	toilet paper (stick)	
bindili	binda		n.	mi Mossi talking drum, made of calabash.	<i>KO</i>
bíndírgù	bíndírá		n.	food	
bindoo	bindohi		n.	bed, sleeping-mat	
binjua	binjuhi		n.	m epithet for the elephant.	
binfam	binfama		n.	1. flatulence 2. wind.	[nye binfam, to break wind]. 'fascination' <i>KO</i> !!
bingoo	bingohi	v.	—	boil	<i>KO</i> key should be a noun ? 'bongo drums' : 'to boil' may be n-kori
bingarli	bingara		n.	button.	
bingbaŋa	bingban		n.	skin cooked for eating (usually cow)	<i>KO</i>
bíni	bina		n.	thing.	
bíngbámdígù	bíngbám		n.	creeping creature	pron [bəni] : Nouns may be formed by prefixing 'bin' to the present progressive tense and suffixing 'gu'. (as in the usual formation of verbal nouns). e.g. yiyi-ra , v. to fly: bin , thing + yiyira , flying + gu , verbal noun ending -- binyiyirgu , flying thing.
	dà				any creature with no legs, including fish, snakes and worms
bínkóbgú	bínkóbri		n.	mammals (any creature with legs, hair and that goes upon the land)	<i>KO</i> :- moyu ni bínkobgu 'wild animal' (lit.: bush.in animal) moyu ni bínkobgu yili 'zoo' (lit.: bush.in animal house)
binkpiŋ	binkpima		n.	carcass	<i>KO</i>
bínnámdà	—		n.	all living things	a recently created term mostly in Christian usage
bínnàmdala			n.	creator	a recently created term mostly in Christian usage
na					
bínnééŋà	bínnééns		n.	insect	<i>KO</i> also binnioŋ q.v.
	ì				
bínniójì	bínnémà		n.	breathing creature	binniej also binneęja q.v. : pl.

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binnyaŋ		n.		female animal	should be <i>KO</i>
binnyori		n.		intestine	<i>KO</i> : large i. ('shit gut') [TN]
binnyiringa	binnyiri	n.		a small thing.	
binnyurgu	binnyur a	n.		a drink, sth. drinkable.	binnyurili KO
biŋmaa	biŋmahi	n.		diarrhoea, watery stool.	
binŋmaa	binŋmah i	n.		smock [type]	<i>KO</i>
binpielli		n.		shroud : calico used for burial	<i>KO</i> 'something white', '(the) white thing'
binsaa		n.		diarrhoea	<i>KO</i> No! n-saai is 'to have diarrhoea' : 'faeces-flow' [TN]
binsabli	binsaba	n.		liver	<i>KO</i>
binsurigu	binsurti	n.		pocket; sheath	<i>KO</i>
binsheyu	binʒeri	n.		anything, everything.	
binsheyuka		pron.		everything ; all things;	<i>KO</i>
m				anything	
binsheli	binsheŋa or binshena	n..		something.	
binshelkam		pron.		everything	<i>KO</i>
binto	binja	n.p.		dog-shit	
binvili	binviya	n.		the womb of animals.	
bínvúhírgù	bínvúhír à	n.		breathing creature	
bínvurgu	bínvura	n.		creeping creature	????
bínyárgá	bínyársí	n.		wild animals brought up in the house	
binyarsi		n.		1. a number of things 2. a collection of things.	
binyerhayri		n.			[<i>vide binŋmaa</i>].
binyergu	binyera	n.		any garment covering the shoulders.	
bínyíyírgù	bínyíyír à	n.		flying creature	includes birds and insects
binyiringa	binyirins i	n.		a very small child.	
binzayi		n.		the first horse of the Ya-Naa;	Binzayi naa. the elder appointed to look after the welfare of the Ya Naa's horses.
binʒi		n.		seeds??)	<i>KO</i>
binʒim		n.		blood cooked	<i>KO</i>
biŋbima		a.		matured	<i>KO</i>
bio		n.		ginger and pepper	<i>KO</i>
bioŋ	biema	n.		pool, lake.	(<i>bien bien KO</i>)
bipoŋ	bipoma	n.		a spoiled child.	
biporinga	biporinsi	n.		a little child.	
bipuŋinga	bipuŋins i	n.		female child, maiden.	
bira		n.		a plant, the leaves of which are used as spinach.	
birgi -ra		v.		1. to err	

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				2. to cause to err 3. to give way or to step aside 4. to take a short cut.	
birginsim		n.		1. erring 2. straying.	
birgu	birti	n.		1. a dumb person 2. a deaf mute 3. a stammerer or stutterer.	
biri -ta		v.		to sow seeds, to plant seeds.	
birigi		v.		turn aside from path; default	<i>KO</i>
birim	birinda	v.		to be confused, to be at a loss.	
birimia	birimhi	n.		shrub used for making rope (lat?).	
birisi		v.		to doubt, be undecided	<i>KO</i>
birisi		v.		mislead	<i>KO</i>
birli	bira	n.		1. any kind of seed saved for planting 2. a plant from which string is made.	
birlim		n.		stammering, stuttering	[to birlim. to stammer, to stutter.]
birni		n.		a high enclosing wall (H), walled town	
bisaringa	bisarinsi	n.		a youth who has not yet reached puberty.	
biskeeti		n.		biscuit	< E.
biyarga	biyarsi	n.		bad child, one ill-behaved.	
biyola	biyolba	n.		1. one who attends babies 2. maid servant.	
biyolim		n.		naughtiness, being a bad child	<i>KO</i> I would expect this meaning to be (bi)yaarlim; biyolim should be ‘babysitting’ [TN]
biyurgu	biyursi	n.		1. a beloved child 2. a favourite child.	
biyurli	biyura	n.		a beloved child; a favourite child.	
bleedi		n.		razorblade	<i>KO</i> <English
blocku		n.		block	<i>KO</i> <English
bo		int.		1. what; usually followed by ‘ka’ when introducing a question unless ‘bo’ is itself the subject to the verb. 2. bo niŋ? why? 3. bo ni? For what purpose?	[Bo ka o ninđa? What is he doing? Bo m-be nimaani? What is there?] <i>KO</i> : bo + ŋ ‘which kind of?’ bo(n) saha (tone L H H) ‘when? (what time)’ / bon dali ‘when? (what day)’ &c bo n niŋ (tone L L H) ‘why (stress); what happened?’ <i>KO</i>
bo		v.		be fine	
bo	-ra	v.		1. to look for 2. to want, to wish, to desire 3. to need 4. to request 5. to court.	<i>KO</i> : bo shee ‘search’ (‘look.for the.place (of..)’)

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bo taa		int.		what kind?	
bò zùyú		int.		why? when asking for an explanation of a blameworthy action.	
bo... bo...				interchangeable [TN]	N.T. spelling tends to use ‘o’ before ‘l’
boyi	-ra	v.		to split; to divide anything lengthwise.	
boyili	boyibu	n.		third day funeral celebration	<i>KO</i>
boyilogu	boyilori	n.		gutter (big)	<i>KO</i>
boyisi		v.		guess	<i>KO</i>
boylı	boya	n.		1. hole in ground 2. any depression in the ground 3. ditch 4. pit.	also : pothole; (<i>cf. /ct yoyu</i>) <i>KO</i>
boypuuni	boypima	n.		armpit.	
boysapiuŋ	boysapi	n.		shoulder blade.	
	ma				
boyu	bayri	n.		the arm, upper arm, shoulder	
bøyú	bòrí	n.		yam farm	
boyu sapim	boyu	n.		shoulder	<i>KO</i> see next
	sapima				
bobga	bobsi	n.		head-tie	
bobgu	boba	n.		1. herd 2. crowd 3. bundle 4. travel. (used with ŋme)	[ŋme la bobgu . I have travelled.)]
bobi -ra		v.		1. to get dressed 2. to attire gorgeously 3. to harass	
				4. to oppress. oppression, harassment.	[Bi' maa bobi o ma pam . The child harasses its mother very much.].
bobli		n.			
bobliboba		n.		1. any continuous track, as of an animal or bicycle track 2. a bundle or mass of things 3. a herd or crowd.	
bobliboba		n.		area	<i>KO</i>
bobu		n.		finding (< seeking TN)	<i>KO</i>
bochaa	bochahi	n.		1. lye water 2. a plant destructive of guinea corn (striga).	
bochatoyu	bochator	n.		perforated vessel for making lye water.	
	i				
bodua	boduani	n.		towel.	
	ma				
boha		n.		soothsayer.	
bohi	bohira	v.		to ask a question	
bohi bieri		v.p.		to avenge	
bohi suhu		v.p.		to consider	
bohigu	bohisi	n.		question.	

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bohim nda		v.		to learn	(bahini, ED).
bokati		n.		bucket	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
bolgu		n.		the marrow bone.	
boli	bona	v.		1. to call 2. to summon	
boli yuli		v.p.		to name	
Boliga		p.n.		Bolgatanga (abbrev.)	<i>KO</i>
boligu		n.		1. calling 2. summons.	
bolingga	bolinsi	n.		albino	<i>KO</i>
bolingga		n.		black earth used for plaster.	
bolli	bola	n.	da	capon. ball, football	<English
bolli		n.		livelihood.	
bomma		n.		1. a dense plantation of trees, forest	
bonj		n.		2. an area set aside for the rite of circumcision.	
bondiri		n.		bundle	<i>KO</i> <English
bondo		n.		food prepared with flour rolled into a ball.	
bono		v.		be, almost like mbala	<i>KO</i> mbono ? - ‘this/that/it is’ predicative demonstrative
boo		excl.		What!	Used to comment on something that amazes, or in times of excitement.
boobu		n.		discount	<i>KO</i> v.n. of booi [TN]
boodiisi		n.		bodice	<i>KO</i>
booi		v.		scratch, mark a line; draw (line or picture)	<i>KO</i>
booi		v.		reduce price; devalue	<i>KO</i> booi darisa, jilima booibu ‘degradation’
booi		v.		pour	<i>KO</i> booi kom ‘pour some water’: a part see kpaai
booi	-ra	v.		1. to pour into a vessel 2. to reduce the price of 3. to reduce in rank, to disgrace 4. draw a line 5. to take a snuff from a pouch or a gourd vessel.	
booribila		n.		someone always at the village station	<i>KO</i> ‘little beggar’ ?
boosu		n.		bus <English	<i>KO</i>
bopielgu	bopiela	n.()		a tract of swamp having white soil.	‘desert’ <i>KO</i>
borade	boradeni ma	n.		plantain.	<Twi
borgi -ra		v.		1. to lose 2. to be lost 3. to make a mistake 4. to kill 5. to disappear, to vanish.	
bori	bòrà	v.		to want, need, like	<i>KO</i> IMPF of m-bo
bori -ra		v.		1. to muddy the water	

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boroboro		n.		2. to confuse the issue. bread	
botaa		excl.		What else! What more!	Eng. (?) <i>via</i> Hausa an exclamation of disgust.
bu	-ra	v.		1. to beat 2. to flog 3. to thresh grain 4. to make a paste, as with flour	
bu paa		v.p.		to hire	
bu-		pref.		distributive	
bua	buhi	n.		goat	
bua		excl.		An expression meaning ‘more!’. It is shouted out to musicians to carry on, play louder and better.??	(Used with numerals to express the number of times. It is used only with numerals two to nine and with one hundred: buyi , twice; buwai , nine times; bukobga , one hundred times.) [bulaa , male form.]
bubayli		n.		pregnant goat	<i>KO</i>
buchi		n.		1. value 2. usefulness 3. contribution towards festivities 4. ku buchi . to be of value 5. mali buchi . to be useful 6. nin buchi . to contribute toward festivities.	
buduni	buduna	n.		a shrub, the roots of which are used as chew sticks.	
buyi -ra		v.		1. to carry on the shoulders 2. to consult, as of a soothsayer 3. to mulch, as of yams 4. to be intoxicated.	
buyi		v.		to apply powder	<i>KO</i>
buyibuyi		n.		1. locally-made gunpowder 2. cheaper.	
buyim	buyima	n.		1. fire.	di buyim ‘burn’ (not deliberate) <i>KO</i>
Buyim		p.n.		2. the first month in the Dagomba year, introduced by the fire festival 3. Hell, the judgement place of suffering.	
buyimmola	buyimm	n.	b	??? (WD)	
nigu	olansi				
buyimmola	buymm	n.	b	small black and white bird that catches grasshoppers in the smoke when bush grass is burned.?	(WD)
rgu	olarsi				
buyimtitia	buyimtit	n.	I	firefly.	
	ihi				

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buyinoonga	buyinoo		n.	b shrine bird whose cry in the night portends either good fortune or ill fortune.	
	nsi				
buylī	buya		n.	1. ancestral duty 2. shrine 3. area where the shrine is located.	
buysi -ra		v.		1. to measure 2. to compare with 3. to test 4. to associate.	'show, demonstrate, describe' <i>KO</i>
buysi		v.		to dare	<i>KO</i> ? = buysi
buysibu		n.		1. measurement 2. comparison 3. test 4. association.	'description' <i>KO</i>
buyu	buyri		n.	1. bark cloth 2. funeral head-dress made of bark cloth and worn by the eldest son or daughter of the deceased.	
buyu	buri		n.	a weed with a bulb beneath the ground.	
buyubaa	buyubah		n.	witch hunter; one capable of detecting witches.	
	i				
buyubee	buyubeh		n.	a jester, a buffoon.?	
	i				
buyüduyu	büyüduy		n.	pot used for ancestral worship.	
	ri				
buyulimbuy	buyulim		n.	bell; bicycle bell, horse bell, etc.	buyulinbüyulin <i>KO</i>
ulija	buyulins				
	i				
buyuniem			n.	flame	<i>KO</i>
bugbaŋ			n.	goatskin	<i>KO</i>
bugboŋ					
buhili	busa		n..	boiled yams served with pepper sauce.	[<i>vide jinjina.</i>]
buhim -nda		v.		1. to beg food or anything 2. to be parasitical.	'partake, take part in an activity with something which is not yours' <i>KO</i>
buhimbu			n.	parasite	<i>KO</i> verbal noun of m-buhim
bukaata			n.	1. business 2. value 3. usefulness 4. ku buka'ata. to be useful.? fulfil ones needs	
bukalbila			n.	1. hyena, epithet for the hyena.	
buku					
bukpaha	bukpaha		n.	book	<i>KO</i> <English
	nima			1. wizard 2. witch finder.	'person using magic for destroying' <i>KO</i>
bukpahigu					
bukpuŋ or bukpuns			n.	sorcery.	
bukpuŋa	i			a tree used for rafters and poles, which is poisonous to	

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				animals.	
bula			int.	how many times?	<i>KO</i>
bulaa			n.	billy goat	<i>KO</i>
bulaa			n.	measles	<i>KO</i> prob. metaph. use of (MP ‘measles’ = ‘goat’)
buli	buya		n.	goat sacrificed after the death of a person.	
bulimbuyu	bulimbu		n.	a wild plant bearing edible fruit.	
bulli	bula		n.	1. depth 2. the deepest part of a river.	
buloosu			n.	blouse	<i>KO</i> <English
buluyu	buluyri		n.	bullfrog. ?? W.P. gbuluyu , gbulu'ri.??	
bumboni			n.	1. darkness 2. gloom 3. pitch darkness.	
bundana	bundann		n.	rich person.	
	ima or				
	bundam				
	ba				
buni			n.	riches; abundant possessions.	
buni	buna		n.	bulbs which grow in the bush, used as a remedy for coughs.	
buntaanja	buntaan		n.	mule.	
bunu?	buna		n..	a heavy black cloth, imported from Zugu in Togoland.	
bunzoŋ	bunzoŋa		n.	1. fold, stable 2. pen	[<i>vide, naygorgu or napoyu?</i>].
buna	bunsi		n.	donkey.	[bundoy'u. male form.]
buŋgu			n.	sesame seeds.	
buŋgula	buŋgulb		n.	donkey-herder/ herdsman.??	
buntibli	buŋtiba		n.	a shrub.	‘donkey’s ear’
bupia			num.	ten times	<i>KO</i>
burbia	burbibi		n.	a mallet used for beating cloth.	
buri			n.	a wild bulb, grated and used for food.	
burili burli	bura		n.	seed; seed-.; fragment, bit, piece	<i>KO</i>
burinya			n.	Christmas	<i>KO</i> (Twi)
burli	bura		n.	the log on which clothes are placed for beating.	
bursa			n.	crumbs?.	
burisi			v.	fragment	<i>KO</i>
buusa			n.	steamed yam slices (market language)	<i>KO</i>
buyi		num.		double, dual, 2 times, twice	<i>KO buyi zuyu</i> ‘in two groups’, two-by-two
buzonj		n.		goats room	<i>KO</i> animal yard and stable- rooms just inside entrance to a big compound

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CH					
chaa		n.		1. improvement after sickness 2. niŋ chaa , to be improved after sickness.	
chaai -ra		v.		1. to improve after sickness 2. to exhaust the essence of herbs.	
chaai		v.		finish (e.g. in fruit bearing)	<i>KO</i>
chabachaba		a.		1. dusky 2. niŋ chachaba , to be dusky.	
chayila		n.		'jingles' - leg-rattles for dancing	<i>KO</i>
chayli -nda		v.		1. to feel faint as a result of having imbibed something 2. to be in a coma.	
chaysi -ra		v.		1. to shake (of a bottle) 2. to shake the arm in triumph 3. to lose strength (of decoctions).	
chaysi		v.		lose fertility (e.g. land)	<i>KO</i>
chayucheru		n.		(broken-off) part	<i>KO chieyu, chioyu</i> (see pl.)
chahi		v.		tear to pieces	<i>KO</i>
chahi		v.		make noise like a bird	<i>KO</i>
chahinchiey	chahinch	n.		birth water.	
u	ieri				
chamba	chamni	n.		a variety of yam.	
	ma				
chami	chamni	n.		1. a flying ant 2. termite.	
Champoen	Champo	p.n.		an officer in the Dagomba army (as Lieutenant).	Twi
	gnima				
Champu		n.		the name given to the Yendi market.	
chana		n.		formation. (<i>vide chan</i>).	
chandi		n.		1. walking; going; departing. (<i>vide chan</i>) 2. journey.	
chanj		v.		1. to walk	di chanj wula 'how come?' <i>KO</i>
chanya				2. to go	
chanimi				3. to depart	
chaŋmi				4. chandi , v.n. walking; going; departing	
chana				5. chama! , imperative, Go!	
chandi				6. zaŋ chanj , to take away; to carry away	
				7. zaŋ chanj , about, concerning	
chankpandi		n.		smallpox.	
charlana	cherlann	n.		an executioner.	
che	ima	v.		leave (sth.) alone; let, allow (sb. to do sth.), let ; cause/past	che bahi 'leave (sth.) behind, <i>KO</i> omit; despise'

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che cheya		v.		1. to leave alone 2. to allow 3. to let. (che'la , Imp. form).	che (sheli) ninjbu ‘desist’ che paŋ ‘forgive ‘ (lit. ‘leave (and lend’))
che -ra		v.		1. to peck 2. to cut with a cutlass or an axe 3. to harvest millet.	che labi ‘leave (and) go.back; forsake’ di che ‘so that’ (‘it causes..’) dima n-ni che ‘that will let’ din che ‘for that reason’ (‘which causes (that..)’)
cheballi	chebala	n.		a large pancake.	defective verb <i>c.f.</i> next (<i>KO</i> version)
chebli	cheba	n.		trigger	
chebli		n.		1. tinder 2. Idiom: O ka chebli , He has no means 3. Something that protrudes as a knob, such as nodules on a sheep.	? < ‘flint’ ? (<i>TN</i>)
chebsi -ra		v.		1. to bid farewell to 2. to dismiss.	
chebu		n.		verbal-noun of 1) che ‘leave’ : permission, separation, omission 2) che ‘chop’ : cutting, harvest	<i>KO</i>
cheche	checheni	n.		a bicycle.	< Hausa
chechebuyi		n.		motorbike	<i>KO</i>
m					
chechebuŋ	chechebunsi	n.		chariot	<i>KO</i> ‘donkey-bicycle’ !
chechito	chechitonima	n.		a variety of yam.	
chee	chehi	n.		1. green parrot 2. a roan horse 3. broken piece of earthen ware or calabash or piece of any material.	
chee -ra		v.		1. to tear 2. to cut a piece of material.	(cheei KO)
chefira	chefirni	n.		1. heathen 2. pagan.	[A.] <i>c.f.</i> cha...
chefirsli		n.		1. heathenism 2. paganism.	
chefura		n.		pagan	<i>KO</i> (Arabic/Hausa)
chegbe-		v.		salute	<i>KO</i> ((? che + gbe- ‘leave and ??’ = ‘farewell’ ?)
chehi -ra		v.		1. to harvest yams 2. to tear up	

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chekparawa				3. to caution 4. to cry in a shrill voice.	
chela	cheliya	n. excl.		a thick porridge. 1. Stop! Stop doing 2. Leave it alone!	
chemi		n.		a pair of spurs.	
chemi		n.		winged termites	<i>KO</i>
chempaŋ		n.		forgiveness	<i>KO che...m-paŋ: see che</i> <i>KO paŋ under che , paŋ</i> <i>KO (note)</i>
chemsi		n.		‘zinc’ galvanized corrugated- iron or aluminium roofing- sheet/s, roof	<i>KO</i>
chendi		n.		going	<i>KO</i>
chenkpema		n.		fast walk	<i>KO</i>
cher(i)gach		n.		wooden ladle	<i>KO</i> should be cheriga/cherisi <i>or cherigu/cheriti</i> [TN]
eriti					
cherbo	cherboni	n.		a flint.	
	ma				
cherchi		n.		church	<i>KO</i>
cherga	chersi	n.		1. a ladle 2. a small calabash with a long handle 3. a straight line to mark boundaries 4. bee cherga , to cut a line.	
cherisheeni		n.		sore in anus	<i>KO</i>
cherisi		v.		chop to minute pieces	<i>KO</i>
cherli	chera	a.		tattered; ragged.	
cherli	chera	n.		harmless ants	<i>also guli</i>
chi		n.		1. collective name for cereal grains 2. millet.	[pl. form of kaho]
chibi -ra		v.		1. to bore 2. to pierce 3. to inoculate.	
chibi		adv.		1. exactly 2. truthfully.	
chibmayli		n.		local soap	<i>KO</i>
chibli	chibo	n.		soap	<i>KO</i>
chibo	chibti	n.		soap.	
chibtargu	chibtarsi	n.		a vessel in which soap is kept.	
	<i>or</i>				
	chibtarti				
chichaya	chichays	n.		fish trap made of grass or reeds.	
	i				
chichayli	chichaya	n.		1. white ants 2. termites.	
chicherigu		n.		fowl of mixed colours	<i>KO</i>
chichi		adv.		noiselessly and motionlessly.	
chieyu	chieri	n.		a broken piece.	
chihi -ra		v.		1. to deny 2. to refute 3. to dislike 4. to taboo	<i>c.f. next 3 entries(KO version)</i>

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chihi			v.	5. to break (of rope). 6 to tattoo 7to cut marks on the body 8. chihi suhu , to be heart-broken; to be conscious of guilt.	
chihi			v.	break (long thin object like rope, thread) - usually intransitive	<i>KO</i>
chihi			v.	deny; refuse; abstain from, taboo	<i>KO</i>
chihi			n.	to mark	<i>KO = chihi ?</i>
chihibu			n.	denial; taboo	<i>KO</i>
chihili	chiha		n.	1. tattoo 2. tribal mark 3. a taboo.	
chilbi			n.	sulphur.	
chilbi			adv.	deep and straight down (as a well).	
chilin	chihi		n.	antimony, a blue, metallic, crystalline element. It is ground into a powder and used on the eyes as an eye shadow.	
chim			adv.	standing attentively.	
chim -da			v.	1. to fry 2. to roast groundnuts.	
chima	chimani		n.	large beetle.	
chima			n.	a tall grass.	
chimsa			n.	roofing sheet.	[<i>vide chemsi</i>]
Chimsi			n.	a Dagomba festival (the Moslem Sala Leha).	(Id al Kabir)
Chimsi			n.	11th. month in the Dagomba year (before Chimsi).	
Bilaa			n.	12th. month in the Dagomba year.	
Chimsi (Goli)			n.	kebab, small pieces of meat sold on a skewer.	chinchenga KO
chinchaŋga					
chinia	chiniani		n.	ramrod.	
chincheeŋa	ma		n.	another name for the tree called ‘tarinmguli’.	
chincheeŋa	chinchee		n.		
chincheeŋa	nsi				
chinchilinch			a.	1. bewildered 2. dumb-founded.	
inj					
chinchinini	chinchin		n.	a cloth.	
chinchinpin			n.	cover cloth for sleeping	<i>KO</i>
digu					
Chirfo	Chirfoni		n.	a rank of officer of Dagomba gunmen.	
chirgi -ra	ma		v.	1. to cross each other's path 2. to guess 3. to be by circumstance:	[Dahinsheli o daa chirgi n-kana. One day he happened to

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chirigibu		v.		meeting (occasionally)	come.]
chirigli		n.		1. luck 2. good fortune 3. pure chance 4. a lucky guess 5. pu chirigli , to guess; to try one's chance.	<i>KO</i>
chirigli		a.		1. tiny 2. very small.	
chirim -nda		v.		1. to make a mistake 2. to cause one to make a mistake 3. to interrupt 4. to confuse.	
chirimbu		n.		mistake	<i>KO</i>
chirisi		v.		meet	<i>KO</i>
chiriwaani		n.		1. cheek, cheekiness 2. gentle sarcasm 3. toysi chiriwaani , to be cheeky; to be sarcastic.	'snob' <i>KO</i>
chirli	chira	n.		a month. (countable period)	(Sometimes 'goli').
chiyaama		n.		place after death (judgement place)	<i>KO</i>
choo	chohi	n.		pointed end	<i>KO</i>
chom	chomba	n.		saboteur	<i>KO</i>
chore	chorti	n.		a blow when sb. is struck	<i>KO</i> or chori , shd. be choru or chorigu (?)
choriŋmera	choriŋm	n.		boxer	<i>KO</i>
	eriba				
choyfu <i>KO</i>	choyima	a.		useless.	
choyim -		v.		1. to lose flesh 2. to lose strength.	
nda					
choyimata		adv.		1. disorderly 2. improperly.	
choyinsi		n.		1. weakness 2. degradation.	
choyŋgu	choyima	n.(16)		useless.	
chohi		v.		choke (vi/vt)	<i>KO</i>
Chomfo	Chomfo	n.		a rank of an officer of Dagomba gunmen.	
	nima				
chonini		n.		eagle's eye	<i>KO</i>
chuju	churi	n.		festival	<i>KO</i>
chuju	churi	n.		a large calabash with a small opening, used for carrying liquids.	
chu'yubia	chu'yubi	n.		a festival present.	
	hi				
churichi		a.		exact	<i>KO</i>

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D					
da -ra		v.		1. to buy 2. to stray in the bush 3. to vaccinate; to inoculate.	
da		M:		aspect marker for imperfective	<i>KO</i> suffix -di/a is aspect marker for imperfective; particle da is time-depth particle for past time earlier today (in system with sa and daa)
da		v.		wander	<i>KO da yoyu</i> ‘wander’ ; yoyu dabu ‘wandering’: yogu ‘deep bush’ : probably basic meaning is ‘go on a hunting expedition’ : <i>KO</i> “: ,
daa	dahi	n.		market.	tuui daa ‘buy first’ no place marker
daa dali				market day	
daa				auxiliary indicating past tense.	<i>KO < dabia</i> [TN] - ct. daa bia as in Daa bii lee? ‘Where is (my) market offspring?’ i.e. ‘What have you brought me from market?’
daabia	daabihi	n.		trader	<i>KO dabiligu</i> ‘human beings (en masse), people, crowd, audience’ <i>KO</i>
daabiligu				business, trade	
daadam	daadam	n.		human being; person.	
daai daara		v.		1. to push 2. to push away 3. daai luhı . to push down 4. to grind partially 5. daai yama . to regrind coarse flour.	
daalana	daalanni	n.		1. one in charge of a market	
	ma			2. market collector.	
daam	daama	n.		native beer, made from millet	pito ,
daamachia				sabotage	<i>KO</i>
daamachial				saboteur	<i>KO</i>
ana					
daanbaliya	daanbali	n.		spokesman	<i>KO</i>
	si				
daani ?? da				will, intention	<i>KO ania</i> (from < Hausa/Ar.) is ‘effort, will intention’; when an a- initial word is preceded by something ending in a vowel an epenthetic d- is inserted before it. adaka ‘a box’ → o d'adaka ‘his box’
daanja	daansi	n.		1. a cooking place 2. ba daanja . to perform the rite establishing the legitimacy of a woman’s offspring.	
daakpelinga	daakpeli	n.		a piece of stone used as a wedge between the pot and the	
	nsi				

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daantalinga	daantali nsi		n.	stone on which the pot rests. roof-supporter, ‘middle-stick’ - central pole supporting middle of conical thatch roof	<i>KO</i> (see dan-)
daanya			n.	copper; non-ferrous metal	<i>KO</i>
daanja	daansi		n.	hearth, fire stand	<i>KO palgi daanja</i> ‘warm the home’ [‘whiten the hearth’ : may be an idiomatic sense]
daanjkalunj			n.	soot.	
daarisani	daarisan a		n.	metal pot	<i>KO</i>
dabara			n.	1. experiment: (‘trial’ <i>KO</i>) 2. trade: 3. niŋ dabara . to experiment 4. zo dabara . to beg for a cure.	[Di nyala daba’ra . It is an experiment.] [Dabara dini ka a niŋda? What is your trade?]
dabarzaana	dabarza anba		n.	plunderer.	
dabga	dabsi		n.	horse grass.	
dabi -ra			v.	1. to be attached to 2. to cling to 3. to barely penetrate 4. to implicate 5. to insecurely refit broken pieces.	
dabiem			n.	1. fear 2. mali dabiem . to be frightening 3. gbaai dabiem . to be frightened 4. zo dabiem . to be afraid or to be frightened.	
dabiemlana	dabiemn ima		n.	coward.	
dabindi	dabina		n.	the sediment of pito (sometimes used as yeast or as a fermenting agent.)	[<i>vide dakpiri.</i>] <i>KO</i> literally ‘beer shit’!
dabirga	dabirsi		n.	a person stunted in growth.	(dabrigu KO)
dabisaa			v.	sticky	<i>KO</i>
dabisi			n.	pito mash	<i>KO</i>
dabli	daba		n.	slave.	
dabli			n.	1. attachment (actual or social) 2. very slight 3. very slight penetration 3. implication 4. insecure repair or restoration of something broken.	
dabodabobo	dabodab onima		n.	1. imitation, a thing not genuine 2. a thing not properly constructed 3. magic.	(‘petty’ <i>KO</i>)

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daboyu	dabari	n.		1. a compound in which the original owner is dead 2. deserted compound. one's late husband.	
daboyulana					
daboli	daboya	n.		1. hillock 2. site of a deserted house 3. grave mound.	
dabsa		a.		strong	<i>KO</i> ; ? V:
dabsili (also daba <i>KO</i>)	dabsa	n.		day. ('as a countable unit') <i>KO</i>	<i>KO daba ayi</i> 'a couple of days' [(lit. '2 days') (shortish or longish time depending on context)] di dabsa maa 'those days' vuhim dabsili 'day of rest, sabbath' etc.
dabtim		n.		slavery.	
daburga	dabursi	n.		shaving; chip.	
dacheri		a.		very difficult, hopeless	<i>KO</i>
dachelija	dachelin	n.		splinter.	[dach? ?, WD]
dachenij (?)	si				
dachee	dachena	n.		splinter.	
dachee	dachehi	n.		mother's brother's children; father's sister's children; wife's brothers.	[dachia , ED]
dacheedach		n.		brother-in-law	<i>KO</i>
ehi					
dachihili		n.		1. the relationship between cousins and in-laws 2. the pranks and jokes played within this relationship, without offense.	[dat?ihili, ED]
dachia	dachihi	n.		brother-in-law	[<i>vide. dachee</i> , ED]
dachihili		n.		relation of bro.-in-law	[<i>vide. dachili</i> , WD]
daduyu	daduyri	n.		a type of pot purposely for pito	
dajitonli	dajitoŋa	n.		a long crossed stick used in roofing a house. (dajitor'ga , ED)	[? dach... TN]
dajitorga	dajitorsi	n.			[<i>vide dajitoŋli</i> , WD] [? dach... TN]
dafara, dafara		excl.		salutation to a bereaved person.	
dafua		n.		light blue color < Hausa	
dafumaata	dafumaa	n.		print cloth < Hausa	
tanima					
dagalia	dagalian	n.		wooden arm ring.	
ima					
daganja	dagansi	n.		a piece of stick; a stick of wood.	
dagonia		n.		help	(dawonia , WD).
dagorli	daguya	n.		an article for sale.	
dagorili	dagora	n.		promiscuous, adulterous man	<i>KO</i>
dáyí	-ra	v.		1. to be dirty 2. to make dirty.	
dayla		int.		and so --?	[Dayla , n yi chan, n ni paag]

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dáyří		n.		1. filth 2. dirt 3. an infectious skin irritation.	o? And so, if I go, will I meet him?] Stem form: dáy'
Dagbana	Dagbam ba	n.		native of Dagbaŋ.	
Dagbandoo	Dagband aba	n.		Dagomba man; follower of (old) Dagomba ways, traditionalist	<i>KO</i>
Dagbani		n.		Dagbamba language.	Eastern dialect (T.N.).
Dagbanli		n.		Dagbani	Western dialect (TN.): spoken with hidden meaning: A ni njí ma shem maa, di viela. What you have done to me is good. -- meaning, 'It really offends me.' (also Dagbaŋ KO)
Dagboŋ dahinli	dahima	n.		country of the Dagbamba.	<i>KO dahin sheli</i> 'one day'
dahama		n.		moment; period; opportunity, chance (esp. pl.)	(cf. next)
dahamalan a dahim	dahama nima -nda	n. v.		1. opportunity 2. spare time 3. means, riches. one having means.	(cf. prev.)
dahinsheli	dahimsh eŋa	n.		1. level 2. to give the pitch of drums 3. to test the strength 4. to straighten.	
dajia	dajihi	n.		1. someday 2. sometime 3. certain day. shore stick	<i>KO</i> [short stick', I think (see jia / jihɪ -TN)]
dakabira	dakabir ba	n.		1. a wood gatherer 2. a child old enough to gather wood.	
dakahili dàkàndá	dàkándá nímà	n. n.	c	unfermented pito sugar cane.	<i>KO</i> lit. 'unripe'
dakohigu dakoli	dakoya	n.		wood market. 1. bachelor 2. widower.	
dakolim		n.		1. bachelorhood 2. widowerhood.	
dakolsayab orli	dakolsay	n.	h	a wild plant bearing small edible brown berries.	[<i>vide. soyilakabiga.</i>]
dakolzini	abora	n.			
dakotali	dakozina	n.		pimple.	[<i>vide. dako'lim.</i> ?]
dakuyu	dakuyur i	n.		1. large heavy piece of firewood 2. a log.	
dakulo	dakula	n.		time between markets, i.e. six days; generally accepted as a week.	
dakumsili		n.		fermented pito	<i>KO</i>

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dakpera	dakperb a	n.		a person in the market.	(‘enterer’ kpe - TN)
dakpera	dakperb a	n.		wood-dresser, carpenter.	
dakpiri		n.		1. lees, the sediment of pito 2. to dakpiri . to divine the future from the sediment of pito	[<i>vide. dabindi.</i>]
dalbo	dalboni ma	n.		a foot bridge; log crossing over a creek.	
dalge		n.		uncooked meal paste.	
dalgu	dalsi or dala	n.	mi	long drum.	(see daliga)
dali		n.		a day, date, specific day	
dali		n.		1. the day after tomorrow 2. da'li la . the day before yesterday.	
dalia	dalianim a	n.		garment.	
daliga	dalisi	n.	mi	standing drum	
dalim -nda		v.		1. to lean against 2. to mark; to brand 3. to retire 4. to slip away.	
dalim		v.		deform	
dalimbundli	dalimbu nda	n.		a shrew.	
dalinj	dalima	n.		defamation (deformation??), defect	<i>KO</i>
daliri		n.		1. reason 2. meaning 3. good fortune:	
dalirilana	dalirini ma	n.		1. benefactor 2. mentor.	
daliya		n.		shirt	<i>KO</i>
dalli	dala	n.		florin, 20 pesewa coin	
dalma	dalmani na	n.		1. solder 2. lead.	
dam -da		v.		1. to stir 2. to move.	(‘shake, wobble’ <i>KO</i>)
damdama		n.		(alcoholic) drink; pito	
dama		conj.		1. for 2. because.	<i>KO nyu dam buyi</i> ‘get drunk’ (<i>vide domi</i>)
dàmàkòyú	dàmàkòr í	n.	s	green mamba	<i>Dendroaspis viridis</i>
Damba		p.n.		Festival held on the eleventh and on the seventeenth of Damba month, to celebrate the birth and the naming of the Holy Prophet Mohammed.	Corresponds to Muslim Mawled anNabi - TN] <i>KO damba nahu</i> ‘cow for Damba occasion ‘: chief gives a cow to reward drummers and dancers who have honoured :

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Damba (Goli)		p.n.		Third month in the Dagomba year, in which Damba Festival is held.	
damdi		v.		squat	KO
damli		n.		1. sound of sth 2. news	e.g. footsteps : ‘audible evidence of something’ KO [N wum o damli . ‘I heard (the sound of) him (moving about)/ his footsteps’ or ‘I heard news of him.’ (as spy or detective making enquiries)]
damli		n.		chaos	KO
dana		part.		suffix showing ownership [<i>vide. la’na.</i>]	(see next)
dana		n.		owner of ..; person with ..; earthly lord (<i>i.e.</i> human title in contrast to use of Duγma for ‘Lord (God)’)	KO always with ‘possessed’ noun, like Hausa <i>mai</i> , Arabic <i>dhu-</i> ‘person characterised by, or in possession of, X’ : lana after N: (<i>cf. di, li</i>) : dabiem lana ‘coward’ dilana ‘that person (just mentioned)’
danda	dandani	n.		a horse with white legs and white forehead.	
dandieu	ma			leech.	
dani	dandieri	n.		secret language of youth	
dani	danda	v.		1. to grow thin 2. to lose weight 3. to collectively move an object or person 4. to balance.	Dagbani so altered as to be incomprehensible except to those who have learned it.
danli		n.			[<i>vide. dani.</i>]
dansarka	dansark	n.		prisoner.	(< Hausa ‘child of prison’)
anima					
dansiki	dansikin	n.		sleeveless smock worn under a big gown. < Hausa	
imā					
dantalga	dantalsi	n.		centre post used as a pillar of a round room.	(see daan-)
dantali		n.		1. in three days time: 2. dantali la . three days ago. 1. the act of buying for resale 2. buying wholesale.	[Dantali ka n ni chaj . In three days time I will go.] [Dantali la ka o daa chaj . Three days ago he went.]
dantonj		n.		copper; copper rod.	
danya?		n.		a large sugar ant.	
danyonj	danyona	n.		drunkard	
danyura	danyuri	n.			KO
ba					
daŋ		n.		clan.	
daŋ -da		v.		1. to do something early 2. to arrive early 3. to proceed 4. to do anything before	

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daŋa	dansi		n.	anyone else. 1. wound; bruise 2. heddle of loom 3. daŋa naba. weaver's treadle.	
daŋdaja			a.	very first. (a poetical form).	[‘ Daŋdaje Abudu ’, Abudulai, the first]
daŋgana			n.	confidence or trust in the goodness of God. Used with verb ‘ niŋ ’ in greeting one sustaining a heavy loss or bereavement.	< Hausa[Niŋm a suhu ni daŋgana. Have confidence in the goodness of God.]
daŋkali	daŋkaya		n.	1. ancestral custom 2. clan custom.	
daŋkani			n.	sample of food.	[<i>vide. lama.</i>]
daŋko	daŋkoni		n.	rubber.	? < ‘elastic’ as in MP ? (TN)
daŋkuŋa	daŋkuns		n..	tree.	
dapaa	dapahi		n.	a pile of firewood.	
dapaya	dapaysi		n.	plank	
dapala	dapalba		n.	1. servant 2. son or daughter.	‘own child’ <i>KO</i>
dapua	dapuhi		n.	beam.	
dapuli	dapuya		n.	1. a cross 2. The Cross 3. tie beam in a building. 4. crossed sticks used to lift bundles of thatch into position	
dara			n.	draughts, checkers.	
dargi -ra			v.	1. to pull 2. dargi tibli. to punish 3. dargi fa. to snatch away.	
dargu	darti		n.	ladder.	dariga / darti <i>KO</i>
dari			v.	pull	<i>KO</i>
darisa			n.	value	<i>KO</i>
darmihi			n.	a painful disease of the muscles; rheumatism.	
dasayim	dasayim		n.	a food prepared for sale.	
dasayim	a				
dasanya	dasandi		n.	pod of the dawadawa.	singular morning greeting. (<i>KO</i> (Arabic <i>via Gonja</i>) asiba q.v. with preposed d' (cf. o d'albasa ‘his/her onions’))
dasiba			greeti ng	good morning.	used only to subordinates (i.e. you only greet unimportant people <i>en masse</i>).
dasibiya			greeti ng.	good morning -- plural morning greeting.	
datee	datehi		n.	burning stick removed from the fire.	
datoyira			n.	wine tapper	<i>KO</i> [I don't know this compound, but a ‘wine tapper’ is someone who knows how to get <i>palm-wine</i> from the palm tree TN]

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dawarli	dawara	n.			
dawule	dawuleni	n.		'gong-gong', double bell	
	ma				two iron bells joined and giving different notes, used by Dagbamba gunmen.
dayayli	dayaya	n.		a forked stick.	
dayayu	dayuri	n.		giant rat	dayuyu KO
dazohigu		n.		the day before an event takes place.	
dazuli	dazuya	n.		a shrub bearing small apple-like fruit, and having sweet-smelling yellow or white blossoms.	
dede		adv.		rightly, equally, straightly, exactly.	
dee	dehi	n.		warthog.	
dee	-ra	v.		1. to receive 2. dee tal'ma. to receive security for money.	(KO deei subusuj 'be baptised': [receive washing (V/N: of n-su) good] tayi deei 'readily accept' (?) tayi or ??)
dee		part.		although. (placed between subject and verb, giving the sentence the sense of concessive clause.)	[ŋun dee kpaj omaŋa, amaa o bi di la nasara. Although he tried hard, he did not succeed.]
dee		excl.		um, er, (as used in English in a hesitating sentence.) (Some say, 'Jee').	[A nya'o? Dee, dee.. laabiri m bi nya'o. Did you see him? Um, er, of course, I did not see him.)
deeli	deena	v.		1. to dry in the sun 2. to bank 3. to spread.	deli KO
dehi	-ra	v.		to assist to walk	
di	-ra	v.		1. to eat 2. to consume or to be consumed 3. to be sharp, as of tools. 4. win; score (in a game) (KO) 5. marry (man ~+s woman) (KO) 6. an auxiliary verb used with nouns	
di alizama		v.p.		converse	
di buyim		v.p.		burn' (not deliberate)	
di daa		v.p.		to bargain; to go shopping, enjoy the market	
di dari		v.p.		go gay	[what is the dari ?? TN]
di diendi		v.p.		to present a funeral donation for a member of a wife's family.	
di fali		v.p.		to inherit	
di kom		v.p.		to drown	
di liyri		v.p.		either 'spend money' or 'embezzle money'?	
di nam		v.p.		to reign, rule, become chief	

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di nyaysim		v.p.		enjoy	
di		pron.		pronoun, third person, neuter gender, nom. case, it.	
di		part.		negative particle of the imperative mood, used with the verb stem or the progressive tense, do not:	[Di chan. Do not go.]
di		part.		auxiliary particle to verbs indicating past time in the same day.	<i>KO</i> (imperative negative meaning) + V-ya (2.pl)
di		aux.		marker for condition or hypoth.	<i>KO</i>
dibamdi		adv.		1. especially 2. chiefly 3. how much more so.	
dibga	dibsi	n.		1. a chew stick used to clean the teeth 2. small stick, twig (<i>KO</i>) 3. a disease developed through poisoning.	
dibu		V/n.		eating ('chopping'), spending; winning	<i>KO</i>
diem -da		v.		1. to play 2. to joke. 3. put on an entertainment (<i>KO</i>). 4. be in a joking relationship (<i>KO</i>)	
diema		n.		game; joke.	(see next)
dieeni deeni	diema	n.		entertainment	<i>KO</i> class II N: from n-diem 'to play' - ? diemli ? (MP deemni > deenni) (see prev.)
?					
diemalana	diamani	n.		player; one who plays.	
diemba	ma				
	diemnim	n.		1. in-law 2. any senior relative by marriage 3. polite form of address to an older woman.?	
diemdoo	diemdab	n.		(WD) father-in-law.	
	ba or				
	diemdob				
	ba				
diempaya	diempay	n.		mother-in-law.	
	aba				
diendi		n.		1. a gift to a wife's parent 2. polite address to anyone respected.	
difeli	difeya	n.		pillow. (H)	
difemema		n.		type of pillow	<i>KO</i>
difu		n.		chaff.	
digangan		adv.		1. intentionally 2. deliberately 3. on purpose.	
dige	digenim	n.		yam.	

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diyi	diysi		a	1. mirror 2. glass.	
diyi			n.	yam cultivar	
diyidiyi			adv.	1. motionlessly.? 2. calmly.	
diyli	diya		n.	anthill.	
diyli	diya		n.	1. a dwarf 2. a short-legged person.	
diyli			n.	raised and hard land	<i>KO</i>
diyli			v.	raise part of land and make it hard	<i>KO</i>
diyri			n.	a gum that exudes from trees, resin	
dihি -ra			v.	1. to provide food 2. to support 3. to press down 4. to typewrite or print 5. to poison.	dihি vi ‘disgrace’ [vi ‘shame’, di vi ‘experience shame’ dihি vi ‘cause to exp. shame’] (<i>KO</i>)
dihি			v.	poison through food	
bindirigu					<i>KO</i> lit. ‘feed (with) food’ - can this really mean ‘poison’ by itself??
dihili			n.	1. portion 2. rightful share.	
dihinli			n.	nightmare:	[Dihinli n sa dihi ma yuŋ la. I had a nightmare last night.]
dihinqdihি			n.	part of body going paralysed for a brief time-spell	<i>KO</i> pins-and-needles
dii			adv.	1. really (used only with a negative -- ‘shiri’ is for positive usage). 2. immediately:	[N dii bi bori lala. I do not really wish it so.]
dii			adv.	not too much/many	
dikala			n.	a native dance performed at a funeral.	
dikil(i)jini	dikil(i)ji		n.	debris, broken wall	<i>KO</i>
na					
dikuraani			n.	Quran	
dikpuni	dikpuna		n.	wall of room	<i>KO MP dukpinni ! (q.v.)</i>
dikpunsabi			n.	blackboard	<i>KO</i> ‘black wall’
nli					
dilana			n.	that person (just mentioned)	
dilali	dilalinim		n.	1. peddler 2. hawker who sells cloth or clothes.	
a					
dilindihi			n.	1. numbness 2. ‘pins and needles’.	dihinqdihি KO
dill			a.	1. thick as gruel 2. nij dill. to become thick. to thicken	
				3. be dill. to be thick.	
dim			int.	which	<i>KO</i> basically dini is Q: ; dim/din is relative ‘that which’

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dim -da		v.		1. to bite 2. to sting.	dim nyina ‘gnash the teeth’ dim suylo ‘be patient!, have patience!’ ; ‘please’ (not normally used as in Eur. lgs.) <i>KO</i>
dim		v.		stink	<i>KO</i>
dima	dimnima or dimba	n.		enemy.	(dimnima is preferable to dim'ba).
dimaga		pron.		itself	<i>KO</i>
dimbala		dem.		that.	
dimboŋo	dimboŋo nima	dem.		this.	
dimbu		n.		a circular dance of the Gusheyu people.	
dimbu		n.		bites (as insect bites).	
dimdi		n.		1. enmity 2. hatred. (<i>vide dim'li</i>).	
dimgbaii	dimgbah i	n.		goat	<i>KO</i> :[looks like ‘what is caught’ / ‘things which are caught’]
dimi		n.		knee (see dini)	<i>KO dimli/dima?</i> but duni / duna q.v. is more usual
diminima		n.		1. countrymen 2. friends.	[N diminima , Wumiya! My countrymen, Listen!]
dimkabshee	dimkabs hehi	n.		bachelor bee - a kind of reddish wasp.	
dimli		n.		1. enmity 2. hatred. (<i>vide dim'di</i>).	
dimma		n.		banquet, dinner	
dimsi		v.		carry on the head freely	
din		dem.		which.	
dina		dem.		that.	
dindaara		n.		tug-of-war.	
dindali	dindabsa	adv.		that day	<i>KO</i>
dindaluŋ	dindalim a	n.		a long-legged green grasshopper.	
dindana	dindaam ba	n.		enemy, foe	<i>KO</i> see dima
dindina		int.		when?	<i>KO</i>
dini	dina	n.		knee (usually one hears ‘ duni ’).	(see dimi)
dini		n.		1. share, own thing 2. thing (<i>vide bini</i>).	(always possessed: so man dini ‘mine’, a dini ‘yours’ &c.) <i>KO</i>
dini		int.		which?	<i>KO</i> (noun dini ? ‘Which noun?’) cf. ŋuni
dinŋunŋuna		conj.		therefore, then	<i>KO</i> = dinŋwuna q.v.
dinsaha		adv.		at that time, then	<i>KO</i>
dintilga	dintilsı	n.		roadside market where foodstuffs are sold.	
dintoli		a.		very own	<i>KO o meri la o dintoli duu</i> ‘he is building his own room’

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dinzuyu		part.		therefore.	introductory particle, emphatic form.
diŋwuna		conj.		then (logical, not temporal)	KO
dirbarlim		n.		selfishness	KO
dirjaba	dirjaban	n.		fork (<i>vide dirnyina</i>).	
dirgu	ima dirti or darsi	n.		spoon.	
dirgu		n.		syphilitic sores in the nose.	(<i>vide dulugu</i> , ED)
dirgu		n.		fever/sickness [type]]; asthma	KO
dirli	dirba	n.		eater. (may be used with other nouns to express the devourer of some specific thing.)	
dirili		a.		sharp	KO
dirnyina	dirnyinn ima	n.		fork (<i>vide dirjad'a</i>).	‘spoon with teeth’ !
diti		adv.		not easily changing	KO
diyoyo		adv.		for a considerable length of time.	[N ni tim o, dinyoyo hali ka o ti ka na. When I sent him it was a considerable length of time before he came.]
do		v.		to be lying down.	
do -ra		v.		to weed with a small hoe called ‘kushia’.	
doyi -ra		v.		1. to give birth to, bear 2. to reproduce 3. to beget. 4. to be born	
doyim	doyirba	n.		1. relative 2. family.	(see following 2, better)
doyim		n.		birth	KO doyim dabsili ‘birthday’ doyim yuuni ‘year of birth’
doyim		n.		family, relatives <i>en masse</i>	KO (see doyira)
doyinito	doyinito	n.		placenta.	
doyinto	nima doyinton ima	n.		a relative on the mother’s side of the family.	
doyira	doyiriba	n.		relative	KO and ‘parent’ (agent n. of n-doyi) KO
doyiri yuma		n.		age	
doyirikpihu	doyirikp	n.		the first surviving child after several have died.	
ŋ	ihima			inbred characteristic.	
doyluŋ					
doyrikpam				clan elders	KO
ba					
doysa	doysani ma	n.		one who nags.	
doysi -ra		v.		to nag.	
doysigu		n.		nagging.	
doysira	doysirba	n.		a midwife.	
doyte		n.		doctor	KO <English
doyu		n.		convulsion.	

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doyu	dori	n.		dawadawa pods	
doyu	dari	n.		1. stick 2. a piece of wood 3. a log.	
dobiee	dobiehi	n.		restless movements in sleep.	
dobielana	dobieni	n.		one who tosses about in his	
	ma			sleep.	
dobina		n.		dates	KO
dobino	dobinoni	n.		date palm.	
dodoonikpe		n.		bed-fellow	KO
e					
dohi		v.		scoop last drops of water from hole	KO
dokuyu	dokuy(u)	n.		log	KO
	ri				
dokulʒiem	dokulʒie	n.		the flower of the dawadawa	
	ma			tree.	
dokur(i)gu	dokura	n.		old man	KO
dolbi	dolbinim	n.		chain.	
	a				
doli	doya	n.		cudgel with a crooked head.	
doli	dona	v.		1. to stretch one's self 2. to pull to tension 3. to straighten.	
doli		v.		1. to follow 2. to accompany.	
doli		v.		lay (sth.) down	KO causative of n-do which also yields n-doni, cf. n-zि/n-zili, n-za/n-zali
doli		v.		follow; accompany	KO doli X nyaaja ‘follow X’; doli nyaaja ‘come afterwards’ doli noli ‘obey’ doli gbuni ‘follow’ (?gbinni) KO <Hausa (<i>vide dama</i>). KO (< Hausa)
dolisi		v.		trace	
domi		conj.		for, because	
domi		conj.		because	
domi paya		v.		sleep with a woman	KO probably mistake for doni, or do + mi particle
doni	dona	v.		1. to lie down 4. to lie with, to cohabit.	KO doni paya / doo ‘have sex with woman/man’; ‘lie.down (with)’
doni puli		v.p.		to lie on the stomach. to lie prone	
zuyü					
doni yeliga		v.p.		to lie on the back	
doo	dabba	n.		1. man, the human male as distinguished from woman 2. a good man 3. a brave man.	(dabba . ED).
doo	dohi	n.		dawadawa tree.	KO
doo	daba	n.		man	(Note: the nickname, which the police do not like, is
doogali	doogalin	n.		native authority police.	‘Naanintibola’.) < Hausa
	ima				

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dooi		v.		extract water from sth. cooked, extract water from sth.	KO
dooi -ra		v.		1. to mould 2. to sculpture 3. to cast, as in a mould 4. to skim.	
dooshee		n.		lying place	KO
doro	dorti	n.		illness, sickness, disease.	
doro	dorli	n.		disease	KO
doshie	doshehi	n.		1. sleeping place 2. singular form used as morning greeting for children.	
dotali		n.		manhood	KO
dovihi		n.		twigs of the locust (dawadawa) tree.	
dozim	dozima	n.		1. yellow flour from the dawadawa pod 2. singular form, can serve as an adjective, preceding the noun qualified, - yellow.	
dozohigu		n.		eve	KO
dribi voli ??		v.		drill	KO Eng. ‘drive’ (+ voli)
droba ??		n.		driver	KO <English
du -ra		v.		1. to filter 2. to strain 3. to squeeze out or drop; as in medicine into eyes or nose, enema	
du -ra		v.		1. to climb 2. to cross a river 3. to set in (of the hot season)	
du ȝini		v.		depress	KO appears to mean ‘go up and sit’
dubu		n.		height ; ascent	KO verbal noun of du ‘go up’
dudonigu	dudona	n.		bedroom, sleeping room.	
duduhugu	duduhus	n.	i	kitchen.	-hi- KO
dufesirigu		n.		pillow	KO
dufu		n.		chaff	KO
duyi -ra		v.		1. to cook 2. to boil 3. to swim.	
duyibu		v.n.		cooking, boiling.	
duyiduyi		n.		dust	KO
duyili		v.n.		swimming.	kom duyibu ‘swimming’ KO
duymeko		n.		pottery making	KO
duymera		n.		potter (usually female)	
dúyû	dúyří	n.		pot	
duhi -ra		v.		1. to paddle a canoe 2. to convey on a river 3. to raise 4. to exalt 5. to drive a vehicle 6. to lay out meat for sale by a	

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dukpimbayi	dukpimb			private person	
nda	ayindisi			7. to cover, mount, copulate (of breeding animals).	
dukpini	dukpina	n.		large grasshopper.	
dukpinbays	dukpinb	n.		wall of a room.	see also dikpun-
igu	a<small>ysiba</small>			epithet for a hyena.	
dukuljini	dukuljin	n.		a unroofed room.	
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dukunu	dukunun	n.		a ball of food made from dried maize, pounded, boiled and wrapped in leaves:	commonly called ‘ keŋki ’.
	ima			epithet for a cat.	Kenkey (Twi)
dulaamihi		n.			(<i>vide naamam</i>).
dulgu		n.		(ED) a disease affecting the nasal passages.	
dulgu	dulsi or dundi	n.		ground hornbill (bird species)	
duli	duya	n.		shore or bank of a lake or river.	
dúʃm	dulima	n.		urine.	
dulinlaa	dulinlahi	n.		chamberpot, potty	<i>KO</i>
dulimsurgu	dulimsur	n.		bladder [anat.].	
	si or dulimsur				
	a				
duliŋkuia	duliŋkuh	n.		1. a wild bulb used in medicine	
	i			2. pain which children sometimes feel before urinating	
				3. bilharzia.	
dumbia	dumbihi	n.		knee cap.	
dumbilga	dumbilsi	n.		a sump for collecting urine in a sleeping room.	
dundobia		n.		doorstep	<i>KO</i> see dunobia
undoli	dunoya	n.		door, gate	<i>KO</i> see dunoli
undonj	undoŋa	n.		courtyard, enclosure of a compound.	pl. undoma <i>KO</i>
dündùyú	dündürí	n.	s	spitting cobra	<i>Naja nigricollis</i>
endum		n.		1. borer beetle, woodworm	
				2. wood dust that is caused by borer beetles.	
undunkolo		n.		fried yam	<i>KO</i>
duni	duna	n.		knee (sometimes one hears ‘ dini ’.).	
dúní	duna	v.		to pass water, to urinate.	
dunia		n.		the world, the universe.	(Arabic via Hausa) duniya tobu ‘world war’ <i>KO</i>
dunianima		n.		the people of the world.	
dunobia		n.		doorstep	<i>KO</i> (see also und-)
dunogula		n.		gatekeeper	<i>KO</i>
dunokoli	dunokoy	n.		doorstep. (ED)	
	a				

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dunokora(o))	dunokor ti		n.	doorstep.	
dunokpalonj	dunokpa lima		n.	peg for closing a mat door. (ED).	
dunokparg u	dunokpa rti		n.	peg for closing the door mat.	
dunokparta	dunokpa rtaba		n.	one who closes the doorway.	
dunoli	dunoya		n.	doorway, entrance.	
dunopayirli	dunopay irsi(a)		n.	large pegs in the ground at either side of door.	
dunj			n.	1. enmity. 2. taai dunj. to rebel. 3. strike (<i>KO</i>)	dunjkalbu ?? ‘rioting’: cf. taai dunj ‘to strike, to riot’ <i>KO</i>
dura			n.	1. trestle 2. scaffold.	
duu	duri		n.	a room, ‘hut’.	(no place marker): tuma duu ‘office’ ‘work room’ <i>KO</i>
duui -ra			v.	to arouse desire as passion or anger.	
duuma	duumani ma		n.	1. master 2. lord.	
duuŋa	duunsi		n.	mosquito.	
dužiinigu	dužiinisi		n.	sitting room	<i>KO</i>

F

fa -ra		v.	1. to extort 2. to rob 3. fa bahi. to set free; to rescue.	‘confiscate’ [Gh.] yohim fa ‘dupe’ (<i>KO</i>)
faa		n.	1. extortion 2. robbery.	
faai -ra		v.	1. to escape from the hand of 2. to lose flesh.	
faako		n.	1. alleviation 2. mercy	(<i>vide Zalla Naa,</i>)
Faako Naa		n.	3. nij faako. to show mercy. a title for God - ‘King of all mercy’.	
faanja		v.	be very nice	EXCL: Please!
fabla		n.	1. an expression of sorrow or regret 2. a complaint.	sg. prob. fabligu [TN]
fabli		v.	to complain	
fabu		n.	extortion.	
fadira	fadirba	n.	heirs (<i>vide falidira</i>).	
fayafaya		a.	light (weight).	
fayafayashi		n.	weak point.	
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fayri		n.	1. booty 2. anything given gratis, or at a greatly reduced price.	

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faysi -ra		v.		1. to sob 2. to lose air.	
fahi -ra		v.		1. to be constipated 2. to patch a well 3. to be quiet. (<i>vide fo</i>).	'become bloated' <i>KO</i>
fahim		n.		1. natural intelligence 2. ability to learn.	
fahiru		n.		1. defiance 2. boasting or boastfulness 3. nyu fahiru . to boast, to defy.	
fakari		n.		poverty	(H) (<i>vide fara</i>).
fali	faya	n.		1. inheritance 2. di fali . to inherit.	
falidira	falidirba	n.		heir (usually fadira).	
faliha		adv.		in the beginning (<i>vide falinko</i>).	
falim -nda		v.		1. to be light 2. to lose flesh.	
falinko		n.		1. beginning 2. first 3. of old.	
falira		a.		1. patient 2. basically essential.	
faluŋ		a.		1. lightweighted; 2. unimportant;	[Naypielga nyela no'faluŋ . The egret is a lightweighted bird.] [Di doli ninvuy' faluŋ . yelchoya . Do not follow an unimportant person's suggestions.]
fara		n.		poverty.	
faralana	faranima	n.		pauper.	
fargu		n.		heavy flow of blood.	<i>see 3im'</i>
fargu		n.		1. tax 2. customs duty.	
fari -ta		v.		1. to simmer 2. to cook to a thick consistency.	
farinwuta		n.		sulphur.	(H. 'white flour')
faringa		p.n.		French person	<i>KO</i>
faringu		p.n.		French-speaking territory	<i>KO</i>
farlieyū	farliera	n.		bog; quagmire.	
fasara		n.		1. lecture 2. address 3. yihi fasara . to lecture.	
fashee		adv.		1. unless 2. except.	Note: Often shortened to 'shee' - N ku chan shee o kana . I will not go unless he comes(H. sai)
fawoli		n.		1. carelessness 2. procrastination.	(WD) (<i>vide fowoli</i>)
fe		v.		to finger	<i>KO</i>

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fee	-ra	v.		1. to be scarce 2. to make a remark which discourages another.	
feenja	feensi	n.	mi	a spiked finger ring, used to create rhythm.	
feera		n.		factory	KO
fi	-ra	v.		1. to redistribute the stones in a game called, ‘walli’ 2. to hide an object in one of a series of mounds, in playing a game 3. idiom: to carelessly plant yam seed.	
fi		v.		bury; cover	KO normally pi - you either have a strange dialect, a strange informant, or a hearing problem here [TN]
fibgi		v.		1. to surpass 2. to outrun 3. to chop off 4. to decapitate.	
fieraa	fierenim	n.		store.	
	a				
fiebga	fiebsi	n.		1. a whip 2. a switch.	? 2 = electric switch, or single sense ‘whip, switch’ ? [TN]
fiebi -ra		v.		1. to whip 2. to beat with a switch.	
fiebra	fiebrba	n.		one who whips.	
fieyfieu	fiefieri	n.		a cold.	(see next)
feyufieu	fierifieri	n.		a cold in the head; (Ghana Eng. ‘catarrh’)	KO (see prev.)
fieu	fieri	n.		a crop of a bird.	
fiehi -ra		v		1. to wipe; fiehi nyee . to blow the nose. 2. to be equal in doing something.	
fielim -nda		v.			
fifali		n.		the hunger season.	
fifani	fifana	n.		the making of the first cut through the grass in a field. (i.e. one of the boundaries) before clearing the grass.	
fifia		a.		very small.	
fifinja		n.		minute, very little	KO this or a related form may be an ADV:
fiysi -ra		v.		to accuse secretly.	
fihu -ra		v.		to emit an acid smell.	
fihiga		n.		1. personality 2. mali fihiga . to have personality 3. di fihiga . to belittle one.	
fiili		n.		hoop	KO from wheel <English, but only used for a hoop or rim, ‘wheel’ of a vehicle is usually its ‘leg’

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filaŋgao		defect.		an exclamation meaning 'I don't care!'. (<i>vide fino</i>).	
filasiko		v.		species of senna.	
filim -nda		n.		1. to disgrace 2. to be disgraced 3. to decrease in number 4. to lose flesh.	
filuŋ		v.		1. disgrace 2. abasement 3. decrease.	(filuŋ KO)
fim		n.		to sink	<i>KO</i> usually sum - see fi (note)
findi		excl.		an expression for picking a quarrel. The reply is ' gandi '.	
findim		n.		stark nakedness.	
fini		n.		1. importunity 2. disgrace.	
fini		a.		wretchedness	<i>KO</i>
fini		adv.		bad (attached to nouns)	<i>KO</i>
fini		adv.		1. very much 2. extraordinarily.	
fino		excl.		a phrase meaning, 'I don't care'. (a contracted form of ' filaŋgao ').	
finshee		n.		commission	<i>KO</i>
finyia		n.		1. importunity 2. disgrace. (<i>vide fi'ni</i>).	
Firawuna		n.		Pharaoh	<i>KO</i> (Qur'anic version of Biblical title of Kings of Egypt)
firi -ta		v.		to sink in mud.	
firigbeha		n.		commission	<i>KO</i>
firiji		n.		fridge	<i>KO</i> <English
firjita		n.		grandeur; power.	
firginli	firgima	n.		aerial yam	
firkpi	firkpini	n.		1. rupture 2. hernia.	
firla	firlanim	n.		lamp.	
fita	a	n.		mechanic, fitter	
fitiina		n.		1. trouble 2. ill treatment.	<i>KO</i> <English
fo	-ra	v.		to be quiet.	
fohi		v.		outwit	<i>KO</i>
fohi		v.		be quiet	<i>KO</i>
fohi		n.		brilliance	<i>KO</i>
fohi -ra		v.		1. to draw back 2. to dodge 3. to drink soup.	
fohim		n.		cleverness	<i>KO</i> [Ar.]
fohiri		n.		brag, brags	<i>KO</i> English noun is 'a boast'; 'brag' is only a verb (except as name of a card game);
foliŋga	folinsi	n.		a narrow passage way.	
folo		n.		1. scarcity 2. nij folo . to be scarce.	
fonbilim		n.		trickery	<i>KO</i>

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fon		n.		1. the town 2. a quarter of a town.	
fooi	-ra	v.		1. to be silent 2. to be quiet 3. to be scarce.	
fuyi	-ra	v.		to remove by force (as wind blowing or as someone snatching another's hat).	'undress' <i>KO</i>
fuyifuyi		n.		foam	<i>KO</i>
fuyiri	fuyinda	v.		to boil when foam is on top.	
fuyu	furi	a.		light (in weight).	
fuyurli	futura	n.		yam cultivar	
fuysi -ra		v.		1. to slough the skin 2. to peel 3. to be rough (of human skin).	
fuytsili		n.		slough of skin (WD)	wahu fuytsili, snake's slough.
fuytsim		n.		slough of skin (ED).	wahu fuytsim, snake's slough
fuyuluŋ	fuyulima	n.		bubble	
fuhı		v.		boast	<i>KO</i>
fukayli		n.		lemon grass.	
fukumsi		n.		1. law 2. authority 3. responsibility 4. worries and cares.	(Note: This word is used for various purposes to express: poverty, illness, anything that impedes a man in the way of his health, wealth or happiness.).
fule		n.		the flower of the tobacco plant.	
fulli	fula	n.		a ball of food, basically prepared from millet.	
fuliq	fulima	a.		light	<i>KO</i>
fulo		excl.		God forbid	<i>KO</i>
fulsi -ra		v.		to ward off a curse.	(done by crying, 'A fulo fuu. N dan a!').
fuluŋfuyufu		n.		a plant used for food in extreme famine.	
luŋfuri					

G

ga	-ra	v.	1. to eat food without broth 2. to button.	
ga		v.	to dig	<i>KO</i>
gaa	gahi	n.	monkey-guava <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i>	home of the 'Kulkarsi'.]
gaaba		n.	a challenge to excel.	
gaafara		n.	1. pardon 2. forgiveness 3. 'Pardon me.' (an expression) 4. niŋ gaafara. to forgive or to pardon.	(--gaafaraya <i>KO</i>) < Hausa
gaai -ra		v.	1. to unbutton, (unhook, get off a hook - <i>KO</i>)	

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				2. to pamper 3. to be indulgent 4. gaai boyili . to dig a shallow trench 5. gaai zuli . to die.	
gaasa			n.	as an action with a desire to outdo, so meriting praise.	
gabga	gabsi		n.	1. native rope 2. a strawberry roan horse.	
gabi			v.	mix up (mixing up = ‘ gabbu ’)	<i>KO</i>
gabla			n.	fruit of tree called ‘ gabliga ’.	? sg. gabilli (<i>TN</i>)
gablee			n.	bean flour, prepared into balls and cooked.	
gabli	gaba		n.	1. breast bone 2. strength 3. pride.	
gabliga	gablisi		n.	a small thorny tree, bearing edible fruit called ‘ gabla ’.	
Gab Naa			n.	the title of a certain (elder?) of the Ya Naa.	
gabnyuli	gabnyuy		n.	onion (<i>vide alibasa</i>).	
	a				
gabo			n.	onion leaves pounded, formed into balls and preserved.	
gabsi			v.	defile make unclean, taint	<i>KO</i>
gadama			n.	dispute; denial. v. nij	< Hausa
gafaka	gafakani		n.	gada’ma . to dispute, to deny a leather case for the Koran	
	ma				< Hausa
gafugafu			n.	an abusive word:	[Nyama, o ni nij ka cheni gafugafu shem.? See how he behaved, and walking so.] but not ‘can’ which is probably konkoŋ - <i>KO</i>
gayli	gaya		n.	calabash bottle, may also be used for a plastic or rubber bottle (esp. for carrying drinking-water)	
gahi -ra			v.	1. to beckon 2. to beat off (flies) 3. to swing the arms or tail.	+ ‘fling, wave (to)’ <i>KO</i>
gahim -nda			v.	1. to choose 2. to sort.	
gahindili	gahinda		a.	special	<i>KO</i>
gahinqolgu	gahinqol		n.	very soft tree of which the roots are used as an aphrodisiac	<i>Cussonia Nigeria</i>).
	a				
gala			n.	offence: tum gala . to do wrong.	
galagala			adv.	1. foolishly 2. meaninglessly.	
Galbaŋa			p.n.	title of the fourth eldest wife of Ya Naa.	
galjeni	galjena		n.	reel of thread.	
galga	galsi		n.	1. medicine to revive 2. with pl. gal’si , bit for horse.	
gali	gaya		n.	1. a thread, yarn	

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gali -nda			v.	2. a saddle 3. pa gali , to saddle. 1. to revive 2. to return to life (always with the thought of an act of Supernatural power) 3. to unwind	+ ‘survive’ <i>KO</i>
gali gom				to be sleepless	‘keep vigil, pass a sleepless night’ <i>KO</i>
galim -nda			v.	1. to offend 2. to blame 3. to become wild.	
galimi			n.	1. offence 2. blame 3. indifferent.	
galinʒieyu	galinʒier		n.	fig tree	
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galinʒielaa	galinʒiel		n.	<i>Ficus kawuri</i> .	
ahi					
galinʒienya	galinʒien		n.	<i>Ficus platyphylla</i> .	
ŋ	yansi or galinʒien				
galkuli	galkuya		n.	a stirrup.	
galli	gala		n.	an egg.	gala nyebu laying eggs <i>KO</i>
galsi -ra			v.	1. to be big 2. to be plentiful 3. to reach out and give 4. to hand over.	
galsim			n.	bigness	<i>KO</i>
galuŋ	galima		a.	1. obstinate 2. stubborn.	
gam			v.	to be in excess.	
(gam chori			v.	be more than necessary	<i>KO</i>)
gam sariya					
gam -da			v.	1. to walk without a load 2. to swagger, (walk majestically - <i>KO</i>)	
Gambanda			p.n.	4th. month of the Dagomba year.	
gambee	gambehi		n.	the gate through which a deceased man’s wives pass if they have been faithful.	
gambo	gamboni		n.	a shuttle. (ED)	(gombo , WD)
gambu	ma		n.	disaster	
gamli	gama		n.	guinea corn stalk mat, generally used as a door shutter.	<i>KO</i> see ga’mu
gampilga	gampilsı		n.	crate used for fowls.	
	or				
gampilga	gampila		n.		
gampilga	gampilsı		n.	a ficus tree, including: gampillaa and gampilnyaŋ .	‘male’ and

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					‘female’
gampillaa	gampilla		n.	the <i>Ficus thonningii</i> tree.	
	hi				
gampilnyaŋ	gampiln		n.	the <i>Ficus polita</i> tree.	
	yama				
gamu			n.	1. mishap 2. tu gamu. to meet with a mishap.	see gambu
gamukatari			n.	a pleasant coincidence.	
gandim			a.	dotted	<i>KO</i>
gandim					
gandoyu	gandari		n.	a distinguished person.	
gani			a.	1. single 2. solitary. (<i>vide gaŋa</i>).	
ganyina			n.	trouble, (always used with verbs: ‘ kpe ’, to enter, or ‘ kpehi ’, to put into).	
gaŋ			v.	discriminate; select, choose out	<i>KO</i>
gaŋa	gansi		a.	1. only 2. single 3. solitary.	[O bi' gaŋa. His only son. (<i>vide gani</i>).][<i>KO yino gaŋa</i> ‘one alone, unique one’]
gaŋbu			n.	discrimination; selection	<i>KO</i>
gáŋdù	—		n.	tree whose crown protrudes from the woodland and can be seen from far away	
gara			n.	fence	<i>KO</i>
gargi	-ra		v.	1. to answer 2. to inform.	
gargibu			n.	answer.	
gargu			n.	verbal noun from the verb ‘ gari ’ - always carrying the sense of distress and always occurring in compounded words:	suhugargu. sorrowful heart. dayugargu. one who spoils.
gari	-ta		v.	1. to surpass; to excel 2. to astonish; to surprise 3. to pass by. 4. to mix up 5. to mix together.	Yaygari Chuyü ‘Passover festival/feast’ - <i>KO</i>
garibu			n.	confusion, mixture	<i>KO</i>
gàrìchè	~ nèmà		n.	small fenced plots between and next to houses	<English ‘garden’
garigi			v.	‘mind’, concern self with; concern sb.	<i>KO</i>
ga(r)igi			v.	reply; respond	<i>KO</i>
gàrìngá	gàrìnsí		n.	carpet viper	<i>Echis carinatus</i>
garli			n.	d sleeping sickness; trypanosomiasis (of animals).	
garli	gara		n.	1. a tapeworm 2. a creeper.	cf. kpári wáhù
garo	garti		n.	bedstead, bed (modern)	<Hausa
garoyayli			n.	bedside	<i>KO</i>
garsa			v.	to be astringent.	

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garʒieyu	garʒieri		n.	grass, shrub.	
gali	gaya		n.	fruit of the monkey-guava tree	<i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i>
gihibu			v.	going round	<i>KO</i> would be N/V: from a verb gihi : this meaning is usually gili
gilga	gilsı		n.	xylophone (ED)(<i>vide jilga</i>). 1. to over balance	
gilgi -ra			v.	2. to tumble. to upset 4. to give to the last price, in selling 5. to break with a person 6. yunni gilgi . the year comes around.	
gilli	ginda		v.	1. to go round 2. to surround something.	(gili KO)
gingayfeenja	gingayfe		n.	chicken pox. (ED).	
ensi					
gingayfiña	gingayfi		n.	chicken pox. (WD).	
nsi					
gingayigoo	gingayig		n.	t monkey-orange tree	<i>Strychos spinosa</i>
ohi					
gingayli			n.	the tender leaves of gingayigoo which is boiled and served as food in time of famine. (ED).	
gingayri			n.	the tender leaves of gingayigoo which is boiled and served as food in time of famine. (WD).	
gingalayoyu	gingalay		n.		
ori				snail.	
gingalayoni			n.	paralysis of the face.	
fu					
girim			v.	stunt in growth	<i>KO</i>
giti			a.	1. firm 2. solid.	
go -ra			v.	1. to roam 2. to travel.	go tohigu hunt <i>KO</i>
goyli	goya		n.	a small upper garment without sleeves.	
gobga	gobsi		n.	1. a left-handed person 2. an epithet for an elephant.	
gobga	gobsi		n.	1. a left-handed person 2. a title of respect used for the elephant, by hunters.	
gobga	gobsi	a		left-handed.	
gobi -ra		v.		to put on a cloth (of men).	
gobli	goba	n.		zebu, the humped species of cattle.	+ ‘hunchback’ <i>KO</i>
gobu			n.	journey, travel	<i>KO</i>
gogalga			n.	sleeplessness.	‘staying up all night’ <i>KO</i>
gohi -ra			v.	to catch something thrown in the air.	
golchayu			n.	half moon	<i>KO</i>

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golgi -ra		v.		1. to be relevant. 2. to disentangle, as from thorns 3. to unhook.	[A yeltoya maa dii bi golgi. Your remark is not relevant.]
goli	gonda	v.		1. to hang upon by the hands. (intrans) 2. to embrace 3. to have sexual intercourse with 4. to hook.	
goli	goya	n.		month, moon	<i>KO cf. goli</i> ‘not countable’
goli wulana		n.		the evening star.	moon’s ‘linguist’ (TN)
golim -nda		v.		1. to go crooked 2. to be crooked. 3. turn off (when driving, walking) <i>KO</i>	
golima		a.		1. tortuous 2. crooked 3. sogolma. a crooked path 4. a difficult path.	is this not pl.? TN
golimbu		n.		circulation	<i>KO</i>
golimgolim		a.		crooked.	<i>KO</i>
golina		n.		handle	<i>KO</i>
golinma		n.		meanders (V:)	<i>KO prob. V: = n-golim,</i> <i>a. -golin/-golima</i>
golkabli		T:		when moon appears on 29th day	<i>KO</i>
golmuni		n.		full whole moon	<i>KO</i>
golnli	golima	n.		long gourd used for play.	
golpali		?		when moon appears on 30th day	<i>KO</i>
golsi		v.		decorate	<i>KO</i>
golsi -ra		v.		1. to strut 2. to walk with pride.	
golsigu		n.		decoration	<i>KO</i>
gom (pl <i>KO</i>)	goma	n.		1. sleepiness 2. sleeping sickness.	gom saha ‘bed time - <i>KO</i>
gombo	gomboni	n.		a shuttle. (WD).	(gambo. ED).
Gomli		n.		an elder of the Ya Naa.	
gomnanti		n.		government	<i>KO <English</i>
gomnanti		n.		civil servant	<i>KO</i>
tumtumda					
gompargu	gompara	n.		grass covering an outside wall.	
gomparli	gompara	n.		grass covering an outside wall.	
goŋ	gona	a		crooked.	
goŋ -da		v.		to go crooked.	
gonaate		excl.		an exclamation of approval for one performing expertly.	
goŋbu		n.		diversion	<i>KO</i>
gondli	gonda	n.		pawpaw.	pl. form < Hausa
goni	gona	n.		1. an expert 2. a champion	

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				3. used as an adjectival suffix, meaning ‘expert’.	
gonje	gonjeni	n.		1. African one-stringed violin	
ma				2. the player of such an instrument.	
gojmaa		n.		short sleep	KO gom
goo	gohi	n.		1. a thorn	
				2. a quill, as of the hedgehog or porcupine.	
				3. thorn-tree, acacia KO	
gooi -ra		v.		1. to stop a quarrel	‘separate (e.g. in a fight); restrain; stop from doing sth. like running, walking/ fighting etc. KO (MP for a bra is
				2. to appease.	bisigoara ‘breast-restrainer’)
gooni	goma	n.		an outside wall.	
goonpariga	goonpari	n.		small metal ornaments put on walls	KO
si					
gopielga	gopielsi	n.		a thorn tree with white bark.	
gopohiga	gopohisi	n.		highly scented roots, effective to cure neuralgia.	
gora		n.		boiled leaves of beans	KO
gorgu	gorti	n.		1. a sickle	
				2. a scythe	
				3. a suffix expressing the idea of an enclosed area:	
				nay'gorgu , a cattle kraal;	
				dundon-gorgu , an enclosed compound.	
gorim		n.		1. journey	
				2. travelling.	
gorimnima		n.		the people met on a journey.	
gosima		n.		sleepiness.	
gova	govanim	n.		1. guava tree	guabe KO
a				2. the fruit of the guava tree.	
goyuunsi		n.		drowsiness	KO
goyuunsilan		n.		person just out of sleep, still half asleep	
a					
gozee	gozehi	n.		thorn tree with red bark, a kind of acacia.	
gu -ra		v.		1. to block up the road	
				2. gu soli . to ambush;	
				3. maali shili gu . to prepare for or to prepare against.	
gubi -ra		v.		to unite to do something.	
guyu	guri	n.		baton	KO
guhi -ra		v.		1. to pluck a fowl	
				2. to wait for someone.	
guhigu		n.		1. fog	
				2. mist. (<i>vide payli</i>).	
guhim -nda		v.		1. to walk stoopingly	
				2. to steal away furtively	
				3. to nod the head affirmatively, in assent.	

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gula	gulba	n.		1. a keeper of anything 2. a suffix to other words, always giving the sense of 'watching over' or 'keeping':	[piegula, a shepherd.]
gùlí	guyá	n.		1. kola nut 2. the black ant (<i>vide cherli</i>).	
guli	gula	v.		1. to look after 2. to keep guard over 3. to wait for.	
gulinyaaja	gulinyaaa	n.		back yard, back of house	KO
	nsi				
guliyiili	gulyiya	n.		hill made by the black ant commonly known as 'cherli'.	
gulsigu		n.		1. steam 2. vapour. (<i>vide payli</i>).	
gululu		n.		tadpole	KO
guluŋguu	guluŋgu	n.		ant.	
guluŋguŋ	guluŋgu	n.		a shrub.	
gumachuŷu	gumach	n.		a chameleon.	
gumachuŷu	gumach	n.		a large grass used in weaving	
zuli	uŷuzuya			'gbala' mats.	
gumboŷu		n.		1. kapok seeds 2. soup prepared from kapok seeds.	
gùmdí	gùmá	n.		cotton	
gumiika	gumiika	n.		martingale, a strap of harness used to keep a horse from rearing up.	
gum 3im		n.		cottonwool	KO'cotton of blood' (in medical use)
guni -da		v.		to circumcise.	
gunibu		n.		circumcision.	
guntargu	guntarsi	n.		a receptacle for ginned cotton.	
	or			calabash in which cotton is put	
	guntarti)			while being spun	
guntobu	guntobri	n.		a bow used to card cotton.	
gunu	gununim	n.		chief's barber.	
	a				
gunu		n.		1. an agreement 2. consultation 3. che gunu . to consult 4. maali gunu . to agree.	
guna	gunsi	n.	t	kapok tree	Ceiba pentandra
gungoni	gunjona	n.		raised place for sleeping.	
gungoŋ		n.		formation of gunners at funeral service.	
gungoŋ	gunjona	n.		swish seat, in a sleeping place.	
gùŋgòŋ	gunjona	n.	mi	1. a large round drum 2. a large tin (such as the kerosene tin).	? ideophonic but see also Hausa gangaa for this drum
gunguma	gundi	n.		kapok floss or lint	
gungumbo	gunjum	n.		yam cultivar- same as	

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guŋgumli	bonima guŋgum a	n.		guŋguŋkpilli. kapok pod.	
guŋguni gùŋgùnléríg ú	guŋguna	n.		elevated in a swamp. period when the wind begins to blow hard, immediately after the harmattan haze, usually early February. Lasts 15-30 days	lit. ‘wind that dries the kapok pods’
guŋguŋkpill i	guŋguŋk pila	n.		yam cultivar	- same as guŋgumbo .
guŋgunsalli	guŋguns ala	n.		yam cultivar	
guŋkpani	guŋkpan a	n.		an iron rod used to gin cotton.	
guŋpanyaa ŋa		n.		leaves of kapok	<i>KO</i>
gurga	gurti	n.		1. a hunchback 2. a hump.	(gurigu KO)
gurigu lana		n.		hunchback, ‘hump owner’	<i>KO</i>
gurgurlo		n.		an epithet for ‘cherli’.	
guri -ta		v.		1. to tie up in a bundle 2. to tighten a bow string 3. to fold the legs in a sitting position 4. to fix a stick between pronged wood and the hoe handle.	
gurim	gurima	n.		a talisman worn at the waist.	
gurim -mda		v.		1. to crumple up 2. to wrinkle.	
gurimbu Guringa		n.		wrinkle.	
Gurunsi	Gurunsi	n.		person from Upper Region; esp. Frafra	<i>KO</i>
Gurunsi		n.		Upper Region	<i>KO</i> see Guruŋ
gurlo	gurloni ma	n.		a plait of grass used for fastening the rafters of a round building.	
guruma Guruŋ		n.		an ambling pace (of a horse).	
		n.		the land inhabited by the Grunsi people.	see Gurunsi
gusorgu	gusorsi	n.		a grater for kola nuts.	
gutulu	gutuluni ma	n.		a person who gives no return for a present.	
gutulunsi		n.		ingratitide.	
guui -ra		v.		1. to remain 2. to run fast.	run off and .. (usu. with other verb) <i>KO</i>
guuka	guukani ma	n.		a bucket rubber well-bucket	onomatopoeia ? [TN] < Hausa
guzuli	guzuya	n.		provisions for a journey.	

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GB					
gba		adv.		also; too (<i>vide mi</i>).	
gbaai	-ra	v.		1. to ‘take hold of, catch, hold’ (KO), grip 2. to clinch with the teeth 3. to clip together.	
gbaai maya		v.p.		to be careful	
gbaai		v.p.		‘decide; take counsel’	
saawara					
gbaai tuuta		v.p.		‘give up’ lit. ‘hold a flag’ (of surrender?)	
gbaai yihi		v.p.		‘except for’ : ‘grasp and remove only..’	
konko					
gbabi		v.		look after, care for	<i>KO ghibi (AJN)</i>
gbabo	gbaboni	n.		tongs.	
gbaya	ma				
gbaya	gbaysi	n.		long basket for carrying kola nuts.	
gbayiri	-ta	v.		1. to shake out 2. to dispose of under financial pressure 3. to shake the head expressing negation.	
gbayisi	-ra	v.		1. to nod 2. to shake the head expressing affirmation 3. to change tone (of voice or drum).	become loose, slacken (as in a drum) <i>KO</i>
gbayu				sticks tied together to easily carry animals	<i>KO</i>
gbahi	-ra	v.		to catch (many)	frequentative, plural form of ‘ gbaii ’, to capture, to catch (as to catch fish - not a ball).
gbajaya		adv.		carelessly	<i>KO</i>
gbaka	gbakani	n.		large calabash. (<i>vide targu</i>).	
ma					
gbálí	gbáyâ	n.		1. thigh 2. leg.	
gbalíŋ		adv.		too much	<i>KO</i>
gballi	gbala	n.		1. a mat of woven grass, a ‘zana’ mat 3. a grave.	
gbalpini	gbalpina	n.		the flesh of the thigh.	
gbalúŋ	gbalima	a.		plentiful.	
gbam -da		v.		1. to creep 2. to crawl.	
gbambieŋ	gbambie	n.		a weir fixed across a stream to catch fish.	
gbam/n/ŋ	ri				see also gbom/n/ŋ..
gbampielli					<i>KO</i>
gbani		v.		bend down, bend; kneel	<i>KO</i>
gbani	gbana	n.		1. a kind of eczema 2. a disease of yams and animals	

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gbanjaŋ	gbanjans	n.		3. a leather belt. a yellow and black striped frog.	
i	i				
gbanjoŋ	gbanjon	n.		1. an auction 2. ŋme gbanjoŋ . to auction.	
a	a				
gbanjua	gbanjuhi	n.		a tuft of hair left on the front of the head.	
gbansabinli	gbansabl	n.		African person, ‘black skin’	<i>KO</i>
a	a				
gbansabla		n.		African countries	<i>KO</i>
tinsi					
gbansoyo	gbansari	n.		an abandoned farm.	? [TN]
gbanyaŋ	gbanya	n.		a type of frog.	? gbanyani [TN]
ma	ma				
gbanzaba	gbanzab	n.		a leather worker, shoemaker	
anima	anima				
gbanzabgoo	gbanzab	n.		a kind of acacia, of which the pods are used for tanning.	
gohi	gohi				
gbanzabgu		n.		the art of leather working.	
gbanzalinga	gbanzali	n.		a tree used for centre posts in buildings.	
nsi	nsi				
Gbanzaluŋ		p.n.		a title of the oldest (senior? TN) wife of the Ya Naa.	gbanzaliŋ / gbanzalima KO
gban		n.			
gbaŋa	gbansi	n.		rubber tube	<i>KO</i>
gbankoyu	gbankori	n.		1. a crest of hair left on the head after shaving	
gbankurgu	gbankur	n.		2. a fowl’s comb	
a	a			3. a crest formed in the middle and sides of the head of women after local plaiting.	
				measles.	
gbaplana		n.		dried leaves of guinea corn.	
gban mara	gban	n.		heir to an office (chieftaincy or headship of a house)	<i>KO</i> ‘regent’ until final funeral of deceased holder [TN]
mariba	mariba	n.		secretary	<i>KO</i> This would be ‘paper haver’ : ? < gban-ŋmara ‘paper-scratcher’ [TN]
					(baŋpali , WD)
gbanpali		n.		cut or crack between or under the toes. (ED).	
gbara		n.		trap of leather and wood.	
gbargi -ra		v.		1. to be very weary	
				2. to be weak.	
gbargibu	gbargins	n.		1. weariness	rather verbal noun and abstract
im	im			2. weakness.	derived from same root [TN]
gbargu	gbarti	n.		1. a cripple or a lame person from birth	
				2. a child who did not walk in time from birth but may walk after a long period.	
gbari -ta		v.		1. to hobble the front legs of an animal	
				2. to bubble and plop out when boiling gruel	
				3. to be tired	

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gbaribu		V/n.		4. to be fatigued by over exertion.	
gbarim -		v.		bending down	<i>KO</i> cf. gbani
nda				1. to besmear	
gbarzam	gbarzam	n.		2. to be soiled.	
	a			a large hawk.	
gbee	gbehi	n.		a small hoe having three prongs.	
gbee -ra		v.		1. to cease to observe a taboo	see neæt
gbeei		v.		2. to chip off (as pottery).	
				draw water; take part of a quantity; cut a very small piece	<i>KO</i> see prev.
gbeli	gbena	v.		to look askance at.	
gbeligu		n.		insulting look	<i>KO</i>
gbem	gbema	n.		mane of animals.	
Gbengbieu		p.n.		Hausa person	<i>KO</i> see also Jen..
Gbengbiehil		p.n.		Hausa language	<i>KO</i> see also Jen..
i					
gbe -ra		v.		1. to spend the night somewhere	
				2. to lie with.	
gbeba		n.		a small shrub.	
gbieyu	gbieri	n.		water buck;	male form: gbiedibga .
gbieyu	gbieri	n.		forehead.	
gbehi -ra		v.		1. to treat sacrificial meat with medicine	
				2. to break charcoal from a log.	
gbem -da		v.		to nip off leaves.	
gbi -ra		v.		1. to dig	
				2. to butt.	
gbibi -ra		v.		1. to grasp in the hand	
				2. to control oneself	
				3. to care for.	
gbiyu	gbiri	a.		dull (as a knife).	
gbihî -ra		v.		1. to tip over	
				2. to tilt.	
gbihî		v.		to sleep	
gbihî noli		v.p.		to keep a secret	sleep + mouth
gbilgi -ra		v.		1. to tip over	
				2. to tilt.	
gbilim -nda		v.		to be blunt.	
gbiliŋgbî	gbiliŋgbî	n.		1. yam cultivar	
	nima			2. a king.	
gbilli	gbila	n.		1. a lump	[Nirba maa pirimi ʒeya gbila
				2. a group or a company.	gbila . The people are standing in groups.]
gbim		n.		1. congestion	
				2. compactness.	
gbim		n.		1. quietness	
				2. serenity	
				3. peacefulness.	

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gbimsi -ra		v.		1. to plot privately 2. to be impoverished.	
gbinafarina		n.		grasshopper.	
ko					
gbinakpaa	gbinaka	n.		millipede. (ED)	(binakpaa , WD).
gbinfini	gbinfina	n.		1. raggedness 2. without sufficient clothes.	see next
gbinfuni		n.		nakedness	<i>KO</i> see prev.
gbingbeli		n.		mud	<i>KO</i>
gbini	gbina	n.		1. rump 2. buttocks 3. <i>pruritis ani</i> , inflamm-ation of <i>pruritis ani</i> in children.	
gbingbam	gbinqba	n.		membrane.	
a	mbanim				
gbini	a				
gbini	gbina	v.		1. to join two pieces of rope 2. to tie a knot 3. a knob. to untie a knot.	
gbinigi -ra		v.			
gbinlirga	gbinlirsi	n.		1. a means of profit 2. a trade secret.	
gbinni		n.		the meaning.	
gbinni		adv.		1. underneath 2. beneath 3. under.	
					(+ gbunni <i>KO</i>) most of these P(reposn):/adv. items :- basically a noun with the postposition ni used as compound locatives - gbini 'bottom, buttock', puli 'belly, inside', lojni 'throat' &c. [TN]
gbinnyaacili		n.		laziness	<i>KO cf. vinyayili</i>
gbinvili		n.		the exposure of a secret.	
gbinyayli		n.		1. laziness 2. idleness.	(<i>vide vinyayli</i> and <i>zinyayli</i>).
gbinyayu	gbinyari	n.		1. a duck 2. teal 3. the spur-winged goose.	
gbinyeloyu		n.		drake	<i>KO</i> 'male-'
gbinzim		n.		1. means 2. wealth.	
gbinqban	gbinqba	n.		1 a reed	'grass for zana mat' <i>KO</i>
	na			2. reed grass.	
gbirfo	gbirfoni	n.		male?	
	ma				
gbirga	gbirs	n.		1. tree 2. a kind of horse grass.	
gbiri -ta		v.		1. to drown 2. to hold under water (as a water pot, until full).	
gbirigbiri	gbirigbir	n.		a gourd with a long neck.	
	inima				
gbirli	gbira	n.		a protrusion, as a lump or a stump.	

Singular	pl./imprf	p/o/s	cl.	Definition	Comment
gbiti		n.		darkness, dark.	
gbiuŋ	gbima	n.		a cave.	
gbo	-ro	v.		to be slightly ill.	
gboyono	gboyonn	n.		1. a war dress 2. armour.	
	ima				
gboŋ	gbandi	n.		1. a hide or skin 2. the regency or the skins called ‘nam gbandi’ 3. paper 4. takada gboŋ . writing paper.	(or gbaŋ KO)
	<i>or gbana</i>				
gbon/ŋ					see also gban/ŋ..
gbongu		n.		high or thick bush.	
gboŋkoyu	gboŋkori	n.		old, dried and wrinkled skin.	
gboŋlana	gboŋlan	n..		1. the regent 2. a deceased man’s oldest	Note: in default of children, a
	nima			son.	nephew.
gboŋmara	gboŋmar	n.		a clerk.	<i>see gba...</i>
	ba				
gbubi		v.		keep	<i>KO prob. = gbibi</i>
gbuyi -ra		v.		1. to vomit voluntarily 2. to push out a stone from the ground 3. to chew the cud.	
gbuyi		v.		be common	<i>KO</i>
gbuyinli	gbuyima	n.		a lion;	male form: gbuyindibga .
gbuhi -ra		v.		1. to remain unsold because of abundance of supply. not valued.	
gbuluŋu	gbukuri	n.		1. edible frog 2. a bull frog.	
gbum		adv.		very calm	<i>KO</i>
gbuni	gbuna	n.		buttock; under; meaning	<i>KO = gbinni</i> gbunni wuhibu ‘showing the meaning’
gburimagb		a.		rough, hoarse	<i>KO</i>
urima					
gburo		excl.		an exclamation of warning to stop.	

H

ha		adv.	there (used to express position at a distance, in contrast to ‘na’, which means ‘here’.)	
hada		n.	memory. always used with auxiliary verb ‘niŋ’: niŋ hada , to commit to memory; to memorize.	
hada		v.	trust, believe <Arabic	<i>KO</i>
haiya		excl.	an exclamation (used in challenging someone, or as an emphasis in explaining	

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hal		intro.		something serious).	
		part.		until.	
hal wayo		adv.		phrase. until this very day.	
hali		adv.		1. very 2. very much. 3. until 4. even	'until, up as far as (at beginning of clause); very much, too much (put at end of clause)' <i>KO < Hausa /Ar har</i>
Haliya		n.		idiomatic expression meaning 'Na' Ya', the location of Ya Naa.	
haliya		adv.		to the farthest end; as an interrogative. how far?	
halli	hala	n.		1. disposition 2. conduct.	(A) usu. 'wicked character (<i>KO</i>)'
han		excl.		a particle expressing discontent or dissatisfaction.	
hankali		n.		1. caution 2. care.	(H)
hayi		v.		hire, rent <English	<i>KO</i>
hee		int.		call on an unknown person)	<i>KO</i>
himma		n.		spiritual preparation. (<i>vide shimma</i>).	

I

Ibils	Ibilsinim	n.	evil spirit	< Arabic via Hausa. cf. <i>yibils</i>
a				
ii		excl.	yes	(Pronounced with a very strong nasal tone).
inshaala		excl.	1. Lo and behold (an expression of surprise) 2. not knowing.	(<i>vide asha'ala</i>).

isinia n. passages of the Koran adopted for recitation or chant. (A).

J

jaa	jahi	n.	1. twin 2. child who, by divination, is regarded as an incarnation.	
jaai		v.	become lazy	<i>KO</i>
jaashee	jaashehi	n.	glasses	<i>KO</i>
jabga	jabsi	n.	a calabash with hole with string through it.	
jabobgu	jabobi	n.	body louse.	
jadoyu	jadari	n..	carved sticks used to represent twins.	
jaduyu	jaduri	n.	the pot on which sacrifice is offered to departed twins.	
jayli	jaya	n.	yaws.	
jakabli	jakaba	n.	yaws of the feet.	
jaya		n.	sores all over the body	<i>KO</i>

Singular	pl./imprf	p/o/s	cl.	Definition	Comment
jaymelo	jahanjey		n.	weaver bird.	
	a				
jahi			v.	deteriorate	<i>KO</i>
jahibua	jahibuhi		n.	a female scapegoat or sheep chosen by demand of twins through divination.	
jahima	jahimani		n.	a mother of twins.	
	ma				
jahinapari			n.	the next child born after twins are born.	
jahinfo	jahinfoni		n.	a title for Native Dagomba army officer.	
	ma				
jahinjee	jalunjehi		n.	bird (sp.)	<i>KO</i> either -h- in pl. also, or -l- in sg.
jakpuŋkpu	jakpuŋk		n.	puffer fish	
ŋa	punsi				
jalimam			adv.	easily	<i>KO</i>
jam -da			v.	to frisk.	
jambonj	jambona		n.	a piece of stick.	
jaŋa	jansi		n.	patas monkey	
jangbee	jaŋbəhi		n.	a walking stick.	
japaa	japahi		n.	fake; counterfeit	<i>KO</i>
jari			v.	to plough	<i>KO</i>
jashee	jashehi		n.	1. tumbler	(Twi).
	<i>or</i>			2. glasses for drinking	
	jasheeni			3. cup	
	ma				
je			v.	1. to dislike	
				2. to refuse	
				3. to be in vain, to no avail	
je -ra			v.	1. to be weary	
				2. to be tired.	
je suli			v.p.	to be angry, to hate	
jebli	jeba		n.	branch	<i>KO</i>
jeduyu	jeduyuri		n.	statue	<i>KO</i>
jee	jehi		n.	straw bangle.	
jeeŋa	jeensi		n.	crab	(<i>vide nansanjergu</i>).
jefalgu	jefali		n.	gifts or services rendered by a son-in-law.	
jehi			n.	1. tassel of corn	
				2. raffia (<i>vide kpari</i>).	
jehi -ra			v.	to sift.	
jeli -nda			v.	1. to entrust to the care of	
				2. to lean upon	
				3. to lean against	
				4. to leave a thing to a person in an angry mood.	
jeliima			n.	the elder son, after the father's death.	
jelinsi			n.	1. weariness	
				2. exhaustion.	
jelinsi			n.	hatred.	
jem -da			v.	1. to serve	
				2. to worship	
				3. to greet with a present.	

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jembia	jembibi		n.	servant	<i>KO</i>
jembu duu	jembu duri		n.	temple	<i>KO</i> [so NT but should only be the inner building, not the whole complex - TN]
jenda			n.	responsibility.	
jenda			a.	1. foremost 2. outstanding 3. exceptional.	
jendi			v.	concern oneself	<i>KO</i>
jendi			conj.	against/about something	<i>KO</i>
jeŋgbarga	jeŋbars i		n.	mouse.	pl. jenbanr(i)si <i>KO</i>
Jeŋgbeyu	Jeŋberi		p.n.	Hausa person.	see also Gbe..
Jeŋbehili			p.n.	Hausa language.	
jeŋgbeyoyrl i	jeŋbeyo yra		n.	a flowering tree.	
jeŋgbiringa	jeŋbirins i		n.	tree bearing edible berries.	
jeŋgbuni	jeŋbun a		n.	leopard.	
jeni	jena		n.	1. spindle 2. epithet for whooping cough.	
jenjemi	jenjema		n.	trousers.	
jeŋkpibrga	jeŋkpibr si		n.	a house bat.	
jeŋkpibrgoo	jeŋkpibr gohi		n.	shrub, the roots of which are used for medicine.	
jeŋkpilga	jeŋkpilsı		n.	mole.	prob. musk-shrew (TN)
jeŋkunbiri m	jeŋkunbi rima		n.	feral cat (ED)	
jeŋkunbiru ŋ	jeŋkunbi rima		n.	feral cat. (WD)	
jeŋkuno	jeŋkundi		n.	ca	pl. jenkunti <i>KO</i>
jeŋnookurg a	jeŋnook ura		n.	a small species of monkey.	
jeŋu (?)	jema		n.	praise	<i>KO</i> [AJN entry based on:] tiŋbaŋ jema yilli ‘national anthem’ ‘country-praises song’
jepaya	jepayı		n.	catfish. (<i>vide kpukpoyu</i>)	
jera			n.	1. the people called Kparba near the Gonja borders 2. a dance by these people.	
jergi -ra			v.	1. to be a fool 2. to do to excess.	
jergu	jera jerti	or	n.	1. a fool 2. an idiot.	
jerlim			n.	1. foolishness 2. stupidity.	
ji			v.	become short	<i>KO</i>
jiι	jihi		a.	short (in length or stature)	<i>KO</i>
jiba			v.	die naturally	<i>KO</i>
jifa	jifannim a		n.	1. a carcass of an animal 2. a carcass of an animal	

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jiyi -ra			v.	which has not had its throat cut by an accredited Moslem.	
jilga	jilsi		n.	1. to shiver 2. to tremble 3. to be anxious about.	
jilgu	jila		n.	xylophone (WD). (<i>vide gilga</i>). 1. sinew 2. tendon 3. root fibres.	
jilingbaŋ		n.		skin for praying	<i>KO</i>
jilli		adv.		1. wholly 2. entirely 3. completely.	
jilma		n.		1. honour 2. respect 3. glory.	<Hausa
Jim -da		v.		1. to belch 2. to have more than enough: O jim liyiri. He has more than enough money.	
jina		n.		1. a kind of fetish (usually for women) 2. a leather bag containing flint and tinder, with sheaths containing knives 3. a strap slung with sheaths of knives.	
jina		n.		1. a kind of fetish dance 2. a consultation 3. to jina. to consult.	see jintora
jinjayu	jinjari	n.		1. a beetle 2. a disease that destroys the toes.	
jinjala	jinjelani	n.		a musical stringed instrument box.	
jinjem	jinjema	n.		trousers	<i>KO</i>
jinjemŋmaa	jinjemŋ	n.		shorts	<i>KO</i>
mahi	mahi				
jinjini	jinjina	n.		boiled yam.	
jinjini	jinjina	a.		short and stocky.	
jin		v.		1. to be stiff 2. to be paralyzed with fear.	
jintora	jintoriba	n.		counsellor	<i>KO AJN entry : see jina</i>
jinlaa	jinlahi	n.		a tea-kettle or small clay pot for carrying water for ablutions.	
jinli	jinja	n.		1. a mosque 2. a place of prayer for Muslims 3. prayer in the Muslim sense 3. puhi jinli. to offer prayer, at the times required by Muslim faith.	
jinwara	jinwarba	n.		a person who divines by	

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jiransablo			n.	dancing in the fire.	
jiri			n.	mosquito net	<i>KO</i>
jiriginchli	jiriginch		n.	excellence.	‘glory’ <i>KO</i>
	ya			a lizard with a knobby tail, whose bite is said to cause leprosy.	
jirli	jira		n.	the jaw.	
johi -ra			v.	1. to limp on the toes 2. to make a start prematurely.	
joll			a.	1. sticky 2. slimy.	
joljol			adv.	slimy	
joŋ			n.	jubilation	<i>KO</i>
juŋim -da			v.	1. to mess up 2. to spoil plans 3. to disrupt	(<i>vide zayim</i>).
juŋu	juri		n.	b the common vulture.	
juhi -ra			v.	1. to walk lamely 2. to limp.	
jukangba	jukangb		n.	large black and white vulture.	
	anima				
juŋ			adv.	quietly.	
juui			v.	light (a fire)	<i>KO</i>

K

ka -ra		v.	1. to pronounce a blessing or a curse 2. to bail water.	
ká		v.	to not have	(negative form of máli)
ká		v.	to not be, to not exist	(negative form of bé).
ka		part.	marker behind front-shifted items, (link between front-shifted word + subj.)	<i>KO</i> =
ka		v.	to come; Imperative: Kam na!	(always used with ‘na’, giving the sense of coming to the immediate place). [O sa kana ka gari. Yesterday he came and passed.]
ka		conj.	1. and (connecting verbs or full sentences).	[Ka bo ka a mi lee bora? And what is it that you want more?]
			2. but.	[M bori ni a niŋ ka be niŋdi shem. I want you to do as they have done.]
			3. as.	[N wumiya ka be sa chanj. I heard that they went yesterday.]
			4. that.	[O kana nti yeli ma ka dama n ni chanj. He came to tell me that perhaps I will go.]
			5. perhaps. ka dama.	[O gbe kpe ka na chanj. He slept here before going.]
			6. before. Ka na.	

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kaa	kahi	n.		car	<i>KO</i> <English
kaa	kahi	n.		edible shrub with white flowers.	
kaabu		n.		visiting, visitation	<i>KO</i>
kaafa	kaafanni	n.		1. cooked balls of porridge 2. kaafan ganye . balls of porridge wrapped in leaves 3. Yidana Kaafa . a title amongst the Muslims of Sabere.	
kaai -ra		v.		1. to visit 2. to go round.	
kaai		v.		to dawn (next day)	<i>KO kaai bieyu, biegu kaai</i>
kaakaachi		n.		funnel	<i>KO</i>
kaakaaduro	kaakaad	n.		ginger	<i>KO</i>
woti					
kaalo	kaaloni	n.		whitewash.	
ma					
kaashi		excl.		expression of disapproval.	
kabaabo		n.		judge	<i>KO</i>
kabga	kabsi	n.		1. acha grass 2. a horse fly.	
kabi -ra		v.		1. to break (as a stick, not as glass or crockery) 2. to burn (as food in a pot) 3. to bleed at the nose 4. kabi noli . to eat before a fast is concluded 5. kabi tim . to burn roots to charcoal, for medicine.	
kabi		v.		rush	<i>KO</i>
kabirga	kablahi	n.		a middle-aged woman.	
kaboyli	kaboya	n.		place for winnowing sorghum	<i>KO</i> ‘hole.in.the.ground for cereals
kabre	kabreni	n.		word used by pagans for binding with juju power.	
ma or					
kabiti					
kabri	kabrini	n.		a grave.	
ma					
kabsi -ra		v.		1. to break into small pieces 2. to be weary 3. to be weak.	
kafia		n.		the root or the source of a matter.	
kafini	kafina	n.		a fan.	
kafin̄gbaj		n.		the treatment by blood extraction.	
kafu	kafunim	n.		one who treats by blood-letting.	
a					
kafuyla		n.		bluff; brags	<i>KO</i> boasting, boasts (your Eng. is Gh. Eng.) [sg. shd. be kafuyilli]
kayi		v.		retreat	<i>KO</i>
kagili	kagiya	n.		a grave. (<i>vide gballi</i>).	

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kagiže		n.		a medicine giving immunity from harm from bullets and witch-craft.	
kayalom		n.		short horse grass which grows in swamps.	
kayaluŋ	kayalim	a.		rough (not gentle).	
	a				
kayı -ra		v.		1. to shade the eyes 2. to avoid 3. baŋ kayi . to know perfectly.	
kayıli	kaya	n.		1. guinea corn or millet stalk 2. a long swamp grass used for ‘gbala’ mats and door-way coverings.	
kayli -nda		v.		1. to worry someone 2. to tease.	
kayilgu		n.		1. pains in the womb 2. a sickness which sometimes prevents menstruation. (<i>vide qmanchee</i>).	
kaysi -ra		v.		1. to shell nuts 2. to remove bark from trees 3. kaysi loŋni . to clear the throat.	
kaysoyu	kaysori	n.		the name given to a farm the third year after yams. (<i>vide sub ‘puu’</i>).	
kahi -ra		v.		1. to pack 2. to travail 3. to tie up. (as yam vines, etc.).	
kahigi -ra		v.		1. to improve in health 2. to regain strength 3. to be refreshed 4. to reveal.	
kahigibu		n.		revelation, verbalizing	<i>KO Kahigibu</i> Book of Revelation in the Bible
kahikahi		adv.		1. completely 2. utterly.	
kahili	kaha	a.		1. raw 2. unripe 3. young (of leaves) 4. frisky (of children) 5. clumsy (of adults).	dakahili ‘unfermented pito’ <i>q.v. [KO]</i>
kahim -nda		v.		1. to wring out 2. to press under the arm (as an hourglassdrum) 3. to hug.	
kahinga	kahiŋko	n.		1. a crow with a white ruff 2. a raven.	
	ri				
kahinpieyu	kahinpie	n.		butterfly	<i>KO</i>
	ri				
kahingga		n.		shroud, material for burial	<i>KO</i>

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kahiŋkoyu-	kahiŋko	n.		a weed eaten by cattle.	
nyuuli	yu-				
	nyuuya				
kahu	chi	n.		guinea corn or millet (a general term).	
kaito			excl.	an expression of contempt.	
kakpiri		n.		grain improperly hulled in the process of preparation.	
kalaamu		n.		an omen (good or bad).	
kalahi	kalahini	n.		a native army officer (<i>vide sapazini</i>).	
kalamboo	kalambo	n.		a flute.	
kalami ni			excl.	an expression used when departing in full cordiality and agreement.	
kalami	hi				
kalee	kalehi	n.		a baby under two weeks old.	
kali	kaya	n.		1. custom 2. hereditary tendency 3. a tribal rite 4. a medicine.	
kali -nda		v.		1. to count 2. to reckon 3. to sweep (WD). (koli , ED).	
kalima		n.		moss	<i>KO</i>
kalinchaŋ	kalincha	n.		yam cultivar	
	na				
kalinkoyu	kalinkor	n.		crow	<i>KO</i>
	i				
kalinsi		n.		absence, non-existence	<i>KO</i>
kalinyayu	kalinyari	n.		an ulcer.	
kaliŋ		n.		ashes after smoking an animal	<i>KO</i>
kaliwa	kaliwani	n.		a thorny tree, the roots of which are used as medicinal herbs.	
	ma				
kaliwa	kaliwa	n.		the bark of the tree called ‘kaliwa’, used as a medicine for swellings, etc.	
bihili	biha				
kaliwali	kaliwaya	n.		a swelling in the glands of the groin.	
kalli		n.		the number of persons or things counted.	kalnli <i>KO</i>
kalli	kala	n.		segment	
kalnli	kalonim	n.		a grass mat used to close up door openings (ED). (karo , WD).	<i>KO</i>
	a				
kalnli		n.		small pot stand (?)	<i>KO</i>
kalo		n.		bone ashes used in spinning cotton.	
kalo	kalti	n.		enamel ware	<i>KO</i>
kaluyi	kaluyini	n.		the last child which a woman bears.	
	ma				
kam		n.		1. suffering 2. nya kam . to suffer (stating	

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kam		a.		a fact).	
kamaata		n.		every; used to form compounded words: necessity; niŋ kamaata. to be necessary.	sahakam , every time; dabsilkam , every day.
kamalga	kamalsi	n.		a starling (ED). (malga , WD).	
kaman		conj.		like, as	<i>KO</i> [<i>< Hausa</i>]
kamantoo	kamanto	n.		tomatoes	<i>KO</i> ? kama (<i>see kam'bu</i>) + Eng.
osi	osi				
kambanja	kambam	n.		tree	
a	a				
kambonlun		n.		drummers of the warriors	<i>KO</i>
si					
Kambonna		p.n.		chief over all drummers and warriors	<i>KO</i> see Kamboŋ Naa
a					
Kambonsili		p.n.		Twi, Fante language	<i>KO</i>
kambontoh	kambont	n.		a hunter with a gun.	
a	ohanima				
kamboŋ	kambon	n.		1. a granary 2. a storage place.	
a	a				
Kamboŋa	Kambon	p.n.		a native of Akan or of a Coast tribe.	
si	si				
kamboŋa	kambons	p.n.		1. a Dagomba gunman 2. a soldier.	
i	i				
kambongba		n.		1. a swelling in the joints 2. arthritis.	
ra					
Kamboŋ		p.n.		1. chief of the soldiers 2. the war chief.	see Kambonnaa
Naa					
Kamboŋ		p.n.		the Commander-in-Chief of the soldiers.	
Naa Kpema					
kambu	kama	n.		garden egg	called kamli under kanto' o
kanaafiri	kanaafir	n.		cloves.	Arabic via Hausa
inima	inima				
kananjuŋ	kananju	n.		condiment made of roselle seed, <i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i> , birli .	
na	na				
kandabli	kandaba	n.		pimple.	
kandi		n.		coming	<i>KO</i>
kani	kana	n.		an amulet for the arm or leg.	
kani		v..		1. to be absent 2. to not exist (the negative form of 'beni').	
kani		int.		1. what? 2. which? 3. who? (placed after the word qualified).	This is MP, DB is lini/dini
kania		n.		lantern	<i>KO</i>
kantoo	kantohi	n.		a small species of the vegetable kamli .	kambu above
kantonj		n.		a condiment of broth prepared from the baobab and kapok seeds.	
kanvaa	kanvahi	a		a dark red complexion.	
kaŋbarinq	kaŋbari	n.		yam cultivar	
a	nsi				

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kankpayla		n.		a fever accompanied by rigour (ED).	(akpayla, WD).
kanjwa		n.		saltpetre	<i>KO</i>
kapinta		n.		carpenter	<i>KO</i> <English
kapirchi		n.		1. pride 2. insolence.	
karachi		n.		clerk, educated person	<i>KO</i>
karakoo	karakohi	n.	b	West African grey parrot.	
karante		n.		cutlass	<i>KO</i> <Twi
kare		excl.		1. steady! 2. careful! (an exclamation of warning). 3. trust 2. confidence 3. guardianship;	
karfa		n.			[O daa zaŋ o bia niŋ ma karfa. He brought his child and entrusted him to me.]
kargi -ra		v.		1. to grow large (of persons) 2. to cut open (of the stomach or belly) 3. to tear (of cloth) 4. to grow ??? the required size in fruit	
kari		n.		1. a pronouncement 2. kari bieyu. a curse 3. kari sun. a blessing.	
kari	-ta	v.		1. to drive away 2. divorce, ‘sack’ (man ~ wife) 3. to gallop 4. kari naba. to go and summon 5. to follow and overtake 6. kari saria. to judge; to try a case 7. noise made by a hen.	[mani maa kargi. the okro has grown hard.]
kari		v.		fence (garden)	<i>KO (gariche)</i>
karibu		n.		dismissal	<i>KO</i>
karim	-nda	v.		to read.	
karimba	karimba	n.		teacher.	kariŋ... <i>KO q.v.</i>
karimbaani		n.		1. impudence 2. pride 3. conceit.	
karinzoŋ	karinzon	n.		classroom	<i>KO</i>
karinyaŋu	di	n.		big sore	<i>KO</i>
karinbatali		n.		the profession of teaching; being a teacher	<i>KO</i>
kariŋbia	kariŋbih	n.		student (esp. in Qur'an school)	<i>KO</i> see also karim...
karonjbia	i				
kariwani	kariwan	n.		maize, corn.	
kariwana	kariwan	n.		maize stalk with leaves.	

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gbon	a gbana				
kariwannyi	kariwan	n.		dwarf maize.	
a	nyihi				
kariwatia	kariwati	n.		capsicum which grows with upright branches.	
	hi				
karkpandig	karkpan	n.		1. a large wooden needle	
a	disi or			2. harpoon.	
	karkpan				
	diti				
karli		n.		maize pounded and boiled and wrapped in leaves.	
karli	kara	a.		1. big; large 2. important.	
karo	karti	n.		a grass mat used to close up door openings (WD). (kalo , ED).	
karonj		n.		reading (v.n. of karim).	
kasalli	kasala	n.		Euphorbia	
kasi		a.		1. clean 2. spotless 3. pure 4. holy 5. Shia Kasi . Holy Spirit,	
					the Third Person of the Trinity, in Christian doctrine. (Prot. usage, see vuhim)
kasiyira	kasiyirb	n.		one whose traditional duty is to place a body in the grave.	
	a				
kasitali		n.		holiness	<i>KO</i>
katayua	katayuhi	n.		1. an umbrella, sun-shade. 2political party symbolised by umbrella	
katiŋa	katinsi	a		1. distant 2. far.	
katiŋguŋa	katiŋgun	n.		cassava (an old name used for this tuber).	
	si				
katu		adv.		Not at all!	
katurgu	katursi	n.		a large wooden needle.	
kavini		excl.		Go away! Be off!	
					(said in disgust, underrating the person addressed.)
kawara		excl.			
kayeeni		n.		(<i>vide</i> ‘ kavini ’).	
ŋ̊mani				winnowing-calabash	<i>KO</i>
kažala	ketinima	n.	mi	a fife	?? (CHECK!) (T).
kazala		n.		colony	<i>KO</i>
keeji		n.		cage	<i>KO</i> <English
kerenžini		n.		kerosene, paraffin (Br.)	<i>KO</i> <English
kikàá	kikàhí	n.	cl	harmattan, cold season	
kikaa	kikahi	n.	mi	1. a bugle 2. a horn.	? < Hausa <i>kakati</i> ‘trumet’
kikarli	kikara	n.		a temporary partition or enclosure made of gbala mats.	
kimsi		v.		be tight	<i>KO</i>
kiŋkamli	kiŋkama	n.		‘fig’ - fruit of the tree called ‘ kiŋkaja ’.	

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kiŋkansi		n.		necessity or compulsion.	
kiŋkaŋa	kiŋkansi	n.		a wild fig tree.	
kiŋkiŋ		adv.		1. strongly 2. tightly. 3. hard	
kirisi kirise		adv.		appetising , appetite	<i>KO</i>
kirkir		adv.		1. well 2. strongly 3. fast 4. securely.	kirikiri <i>KO</i>
ko		a.		1. only 2. alone.	(abbrev. - see konko) <i>KO</i>
ko -ra		v.		1. to till the soil 2. to hoe 3. to cultivate.	
koyi		v.		brew (a beverage)	<i>KO</i> (esp. gruel - koko , kukog'li <i>qq.v.</i>)
koyibe		n.		ghost	<i>KO</i>
koyim		num.		100	<i>KO</i>
koyimpihin		num.		150	<i>KO</i>
u					
koyitalgu		n.		stone embedded in the ground so strongly you can't lever it out	
koysi -ra		v.		1. to lose flesh 2. to be emaciated 3. noise made by brooding hen.	
koyu	kori	n.		roan antelope;	male form: kodibga .
kobga	kobsi	n.		1. hundred 2. 200 cedis (100 'pounds') 3. a fine of five pounds. 4. a fine of any amount 5. a penny, i.e. 100 cowries. (<i>vide 'kobo'</i>).	3) - 5) prob. obsolete (<i>TN</i>)
kobgaayika		num.		98	<i>KO</i> kobga ayi ka '100, two is.not.there'
kobgayinik		num.		99	<i>KO</i> kobga yini ka '100, one is.not.there'
a					
kobgu	kobri	n.		1. hair on animals or on the human body (not on the head) 2. feathers.	nookobri . 'hen feathers' <i>KO</i>
kobieyu	kobieri	n.		dirty water	
kobilga	kobilsi	n.		1. a well 2. a spring of water.	
kobilnini	kobilnin	n.		fountain	<i>KO</i> 'eye' of spring
a					
kobli		n.		strength	mali kobli , be strong
kobli	koba	n.		1. bone 2. Idiom: pali kobli . to be full of (to express qualities of character).	
kobli	koba	n.		tyre	<i>KO</i> (pl. from Eng. 'cover')

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kobo	kobonim	n.		1. a pesewa, ‘penny’ 2. the repetitive form serves as: (a) pluralizer. (b) successive payment or value: a penny each, or each a penny.	old coin 1/100 of a cedi
kobtuylı	kobtuya	n.		joint.	
kobu kobu		n.		agriculture, cultivating, farming, [no pl. - verbal noun]	<i>KO</i>
kodibo	kodiboni	n.		1. a pistol 2. a revolver.	
kodoliko	kodoliko	n.		a bridge (ED)	< Hausa
	nima				
kodorko	kodorko	n.		a bridge (WD)	< Hausa
	nima				
kodu	kodunim	n.		banana.	< Twi
	a				
koduŷira	koduŷir	n.		a swimmer.	
	ba				
kogbaŋ	kogbana	n.		wave on water	<i>KO</i> ‘not waving but drowning’?
kogbaŋ		n.		float	<i>KO</i> ‘a wave’
koha	kohanim	n.		a trader.	
	a				
kohi -ra		v.		1. to sell 2. to trade.	
kohigora	kohigori	n.		merchant	<i>KO</i>
	ba				
kohigu		n.		1. trading 2. selling.	
kohim -da		v.		to cough.	
kohim pielli		n.		a dry cough.	
kohindotont		n.		whooping cough, tuberculosis	<i>KO</i>
on					
kohiŋgu		n.		1. a cough 2. consumption.	
kohira	kohirba	n.		a seller.	
kohirli	kohira	a.		for sale.	
kokali		n.		1. endeavour	< Hausa
(kookali					niŋ kokali. to endeavour, to
KO)					try.
koko		n.		gruel.	mali kokali. to be sensible. <i>see koyi, kukog'li</i>
kokpoŷu		n.		drought.	(kokpayu KO)
kolbila	kolbihi	n.		purse	<i>KO</i>
kolgu	kola or	n.		1. a leather bag	
	kolti			2. baya kolgu. a soothsayer's	or ‘a soothsayer’
				bag.	
koli		n.		1. agriculture 2. farming.	
koli	koya	n.		a hoe	<i>KO</i>
koli -nda		v.		to sweep (ED) (kali , WD).	
koloba		n.		bottle; glass (substance)	< Hausa
kom duyibu		n.p.		swimming	
kom subu		n.p.		baptism	

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kòmâ	komâ	n.		water.	
komlana		n.		swimmer	
koŋ -da		v.		1. to lack, be without sth. 2. to need 3. to fail. 4. to forfeit (<i>KO</i>)	
koŋa		n.		1. leprosy 2. ŋmaai koŋa . to contract leprosy.	
koŋa	koŋsi	n.		a leper.	
konchuŋa		n.		a clear soup	(Nanuni, not Dagbani).
koŋko		n.		1. aloneness 2. only. (a duplicated form of ko).	<i>KO</i> actually a noun 'aloneness, oneliness' - see also ko : gbaai yihi koŋko 'except for' : 'grasp and remove only..' <i>KO</i> actually pl. of noun koŋko 'different things'
koŋkoba		a.		1. different 2. of different kinds.	
konyuri		n.		thirst.	
Konyuri		p.n.		festival to mark the end of fasting	'water-drinking festival' Id al'Adha
Chuyu					
Konyuri		p.n.		10th. month of the Dagomba year, (after Nolori).	
Goli				drinking-water.	
konyurim	konyuri	n.			
	ma				
konyurli	konyura	n.		a kind of horse grass, found near water.	
kooi		excl.		exclamation for fear	<i>KO</i>
kooi -ra		v.		to put on the finishing touches.	
kooshe		n.		fried cake made from beans and bambara beans	< Hausa. <i>KO</i> should be koosi
kootu		n.		(law-)court	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
kopayirim		n.		washing water (for hands)	<i>KO</i>
kopalga	kopalsi	n.		1. a rapid 2. a torrent 3. high waves.	
kopia	kopihi	n.		1. the channel of a river 2. mid-stream.	
kopielim		n.		water mixed with millet flour (uncooked)	<i>KO</i>
kopu		n.		cup, (drinking-)glass	<i>KO</i> <English
kore		n.		covetousness.	
korga	korsi	n.		a small, curved knife used for scooping out a calabash.	
korgi -ra		v.		1. to slaughter 2. to cut the throat 3. to scratch off 4. to empty (as of a granary).	
kori		n.		blood (<i>vide 'fargu'</i>).	
kori -ta		v.		1. to scratch an itching place 2. to scratch a door (of animals).	
korigili		n.		slaughterhouse	<i>KO</i> korigi yili
korinchi		n.		grass.	

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koringa	korinsi	n.		francolin.	
korintali	korintay	n.	h	a prickly plant.	
a	a				
korlangban	korlangb	n.		a tree resembling the ‘ korli ’	
di	ana			tree, but with larger leaves.	
korlikora		n.		the most common tree of the ‘ <i>terminalia</i> ’ genus.	
korsi		n.		1. longing for meat	
				2. lust; niŋ korsi . the lusts of	
				the human heart.	
korsi		a.		1. appealing	
				2. attractive.	
korsi -ra		v.		to scrape.	
kosalgu	kosala	n.		(<i>vide kosalli</i>).	
kosalli	kosaa	n.		a kind of charm said to confer	
				immunity against bullets.	
kosurim	kosurim	n.		bathing water.	
	a				
Kotachi		p.n.		Lebanese person	<i>KO</i>
kote		n.		small ulcers, induced by	
				scratching.	
kotomsi		n.		likeness; colour (<i>KO</i>)	
kotonsi	kotonsin	n.		a small, beautifully-woven	
	ima			basket.	
koyem		n.		shrub (<i>vide ‘lanjam’</i>).	
koyuli	koyuya	n.		gourd for fetching water	<i>KO</i> ‘pot’ rather than gourd, I think (<i>TN</i>)
kozina		n.		sediment in water (WD).	
kozuna		n.		sediment in dirty water (ED).	
kožilo		n.		lymph.	
Kristabia	Kristabi	n.		Christian	<i>KO</i> <English
	hi				
Kristatali		n.		Christianity	<i>KO</i> <English
ku -ra		v.		1. to kill	ku tim: to prepare medicine with a sacrifice
				2. to murder	
				3. to chop grass	
				4. to become black in the	
				distance, as a growing storm	
				5. to ‘serve’ (used as an	
				auxiliary verb in this sense)	
ku		part.		a negative particle of the	
				future tense, ‘will not’.	
kubi	kubinim	n.		coconut.	
	a				
kubielim		n.		hoe blade	<i>KO</i>
kubobga	kubobsi	n.		saddle girth (ED); (pubob'ga , WD).	
kubta	kubtani	n.		1. a slipper	
	ma			2. a shoe.	
kufo	kufonim	n.		wood dust caused by	

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	a			woodworm	
kufurgbiyu		n.		beans and maize pounded together.	
kuya	kuysi	n.		1. a stool 2. a seat 3. a chair 4. the mahogany tree.	
kuylažieyu	kuylažie	n.		1. laterite stone (ED)	
	ri			2. laterite (ED) (kuyražiezu, WD).	
kuylı	kuya	n.		a stone.	<i>KO bayisi kuylı</i> ‘grinding stone’
kuylonj	kuylona	n.		a sling for throwing stones.	
kuyražieyu	kuyražie	n.		1. laterite stone (WD)	
	ri			2. laterite (WD). (kuylažieyu, ED).	
kuyuwoyinl	kuyuwo	n.		bench	<i>KO</i>
i	yila				
kuyžiniga	kuyžiinis	n.		sitting chair	<i>KO</i>
	i				
kuhi -ra		v.		1. to cry out; to scream 2. to stab 3. to pierce 4. to cut down shrubs 5. to roughen a grindstone 6to embroider.	
kuhigu	kuhisi	n.		a cry	<i>KO</i> sg. shd. be kuhiga
kujoyijoyi	kujoyijo	n.		a small bird identified by its whirling flight (ED).	
	yinima			(yundakpani, WD).	
kukaibara		n.		goatee beard	<i>KO</i>
kukogli	kukoya	n.		thin porridge, gruel, ‘kokoo’	<i>see koyi, koko</i>
kúkóyú	kúkórí	n.		dry area suitable for sowing pulses	
kukoyinyin		n.		‘ricewater’ - like porridge	<i>KO</i> thin rice-pudding [TN]
a					
kukolga	kukola	n.		1. a weaver's bobbin 2. gun-powder horn.	
kukoli	kukoya	n.		1. voice 2. Adam's apple.	<i>KO noloyu kukoli</i> ‘cock crow’
kukollaa	kukollah	n.		1. the wind pipe, trachea	
	i			2. a treble voice.	
kukolmahig	kukolma	n.		1. the gullet	
u	ha			2. the throat.	
kukolmahi	kukolma	n.		lechery.	
m	nima				
kukolmahi	kukolma	n.		a social parasite or leech.	
ma	himnima				
kuku		n.		cook, steward	<i>KO</i> <English
kukuli	kukuya	n.		a handle (of an axe).	
kukpalyoo	kukpaly	n.		tree (ED). (kulkparýoo , WD).	
	ohi				
kul		adv.		1. only	

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				2. just 3. always (<i>vide nulla</i>).	
kulboŋ	kulbona	n.		1. a water place; pool 2. small stream.	
kulbonjaŋa	kulbonja	n.		a dark grey monkey.	colobus?
kuldaa	kuldahi	n.		1. a small river 2. a tributary.	
kulga	kulsi	n.		stream, water place, water source which dries up in dry season	(<i>see moyli</i>)
kulgarli	kulgara	n.		a creeper containing thick sap.	
kulgbieyu	kulgbieri	n.		a broad-bladed hoe.	
kulgbiruŋ	kulgbiri	n.		the bank of a river or a pool.	
kuli	kuya	n.		1. a hoe 2. a funeral	maali kuli. to perform a ‘funeral custom’.
kuli	kuna	v.		1. to go home. 2. to marry (woman ~s man) 3. to be proud of 4. to be intoxicated.	
kulikuli		n.		peanut paste biscuit (in shape of a hoop)	< Hausa
kulilia	kulilihi	n.		a flying, water insect, dragonfly	
kulim		n.		1. fertiliser 2. manure.	
kulinduli	kulinduy	n.		a cudgel. (<i>vide mimarli</i>).	
kuliŋkua	kuliŋkuhi	n.		beetle-like insect.	
kulkarli	kulkara	n.		a grass used for plaiting hats and baskets.	
kulkorili	kulkora	n.		plough	<i>KO</i>
kulparga	kulkpars	n.		a ‘fairy’.	
kulkparyoo	kulparyohi	n.		tree (WD)(kukpalyoo , ED)	
kulkulga	kulkulsi	n.		yam cultivar	
kulkulo	kulkulonima	n.		a door or shutter complete with frame.	
kulla		adv.		1. only 2. just 3. merely. (<i>vide ‘kul’</i>).	
kulnoo	kulnohi	n.		a black cuckoo.	
kulnooloyu	kulnoolo	n.		Senegal coucal	
kulŋaj	kulŋama	n.		a crowned bird.	
kulpala	kulpalnima	n.		a fisherman.	
kulpalgu		n.		fishing	<i>KO</i>
kulsi -ra		v.		1. to take home 2. to return a thing to its owner.	

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kulchi			n.	3. to give a woman in marriage white water lilies (a plant in pools, producing a small edible grain)	
kuliŋgubulu	kulungb		n.	tree.	
ŋ	ulima				
kulyalim	kulyalim		n.	a shrimp.	
a	a				
kum			n.	1. death	<i>KO kum ni neebu</i> 'resurrection' - 'death from awakening' kum adaka coffin
kum -nda			v.	2dead body 3. hunger, famine 1. to cry, weep 2. to make a noise	kum buyli. to call upon the fetish for retribution upon an offender. <i>KO kum kuli</i> 'mourn' 'weep a funeral' kuli kumbu 'mourning' 'funeral weeping'
kum			a.	3. ? to gurgle (state of yeast in pito) dry	<i>KO</i>
kumbayitia	kumbayı		n.	a shrub usually grown near a large tree for support.	
tihi					
kumkpaŋgo	kumkpa		n.	a wild acha grass.	
ŋ	ŋgoŋa				
kumprini			n.	ulcer	<i>KO</i>
kunchun	kunchun		n.	a large basket for storing grain.	
a	a				
kundi	kundini		n.	1. a book 2. a complete book, i.e. a compilation. (<i>vide litaafi</i>).	< Hausa
ma	ma				
kunduŋ	kunduna		n.	a hyena.	
kunduŋpie	kunduŋp		n.	a grass with arrow-shaped heads.	
m	iema				
kunduŋyoli	kunduŋy		n.	a large toadstool.	
oya	oya				
kunkohibua			n.	sorghum [type?]	<i>KO</i>
kunkuni	kunkum		n.	hill	<i>KO</i>
a	a				
kunta			n.	1. discussion of private topic 2. accounting 3. bu kunta. to discuss private topics.	
kunti			n.	knock on the back (fist)	<i>KO</i>
kuntu			n.	blanket	<i>KO</i>
kuntinji	kuntinji		n.	one-stringed lute	< Hausa
nima	nima				
kun	kuma	a		1. dry 2. empty.	
kuŋa	kunsi	n.		1. a complaint 2. a sudden cry 3. ululation (of women)	ŋme kuŋa , or che kuŋa . to complain; to announce.

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				4. zo kuŋa . to relieve from distress.	
kukkoŋ	kuŋkona	n.		tin, tin can	<i>KO</i>
Kurani		p.n.		Qur'an	<Arabic
kurga	kursi	n.		baggy native trousers.	
kurgi -ra		v.		1. to dig out 2. to grow old.	
kurgu	kurti	n.		1. iron 2. flat gold pendant 3. the hour of the day	[kurgu anu , five o'clock.]
kuɾi -ta		v.		1. to pound grain 2. to smithy, forge metal	
kuriginsim		n.		old age	<i>KO</i>
kurim -nda		v.		1. to bend 2. to stoop.	
kurli	kura	n.		a heavy blow on the back with the clenched fist.	
kurli	kura	a.		old.	
kursa	kursa	n.		1. a skin rash 2. craw-craw (T).	
kuruchu	kuruchu	n.		pig	<i>KO</i>
	nima				
kuruchuloy	kuruchu	n.		boar, male pig	<i>KO</i>
u	lori				
kurumbuni		adv.		1. of olden time 2. old (in respect to time).	
kurupootu		n.		coal pot	<i>KO</i> (Engl. <i>via</i> ? Twi)
kurwa		n.		enamel bowl	<i>KO</i>
kuso		n.		dust.	
kusumbuli	kusumb	n.		1. tarantula 2. a large biting spider.	
	uya				
kužia	kuchihi	n.		partly worn-out hoe.	
kutumo	kutumba	n.		a messenger sent to announce a death.	
kutunyoŋ		n.		a measurement, being a part of a span.	
kuui		v.		be/ become/ make dry	<i>KO</i>
kuuka		n.		dried leaves of baobab	<Hausa
kuuni	kuma	a		1. dry 2. empty.	
kuyili	kuyiya	n.		a place or house where a 'funeral custom' is being performed.	
kuyonyoŋ		n.		yams cooked and eaten with pepper, salt and shea butter.	

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KP					
kpa	-ra	v.		1. to nail, to drive a peg 2. to incur. 3. to turn in the same direction 4. to look directly upon 5. to find sth. (<i>KO</i>) 6. kpa kafu. to cup and bleed.	kpaai nina kpa ‘look at with most attention’ <i>KO kpa taba</i> ‘face-to-face’ (lit.: to face each other)
kpaai	kpahi	n.		1. a peg 2. a nail.	
kpaai	-ra	v.		1. to pour out (~ all - <i>see booi</i>) 2. to capsized 3. to upset 4. to fade (of cloth).	
kpaai kom		v.p.		downpour	et. pour out water
kpaakpa		n.		coconut	< Hausa
kpaakpaan		n.		peak; pinnacle	<i>KO</i> - sounds like ‘‘eye’ of coconut’ (germinating point) to me! (<i>TN</i>)
yomni					<i>KO</i>
kpaale		n.		bale of cloth	
kpaali	kpaaya	n.		a large vulture-like bird with a red tail.	
kpaalieu	kpaalieri	n.		a climbing plant bearing long pods.	
kpaanjwund		n.		a bushy grass-like lemon grass, but with smaller leaves.	
igu					
kpabi	-ra	v.		1. to fold a cloth 2. to carry a child on the back.	
kpabsi	-ra	v.		to hem.	
kpachayu	kpachari	n.		granary	<i>KO</i> (MP is ‘field, piece of land’)
kpayá	kpaysi	n.		1. pain located in the loins 2. rheumatism 3. lumbago 4. a swelling of the knees, elbows, or wrists 5. luhi kpayá. to be pleasant to.	
kpayí	-ra	v.		1. to crowd 2. to throng 3. to remove 4. to be tied up; Be kpay' o gabga. They tied him with a rope 5. to jostle, while rushing in the same direction.	
kpayíŋ	kparima	n.		cheek	<i>KO</i> mistake for kparinj ?
kpayligu	kpaylisi	n.		a tree bearing edible fruit. (ED)(kpayriga , WD).	
kpaypielga	kpaypiel	n.	d	gonorrhoea	<i>cf.</i> next
	si				
kpaypielgu		n.	d	beriberi	<i>KO</i> <i>cf.</i> prev.

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kpayriga	kpayrisi	n.	t	a tree bearing edible fruit. (WD).(kpayliga, ED).	
kpaȳsi -ra		v.		1. to be thrifty 2. to put something aside as 'savings' 3. to search personal effects.	
kpayto		excl.		an expression used to provoke a match or a quarrel.	
kpayu	kpari	n.	t	raffia palm.	
kpayu		n.		interest	<i>KO</i> : what sort of interest?, financial (Zinsen) or psychological (Interesse) ?
kpayu		n.		fever	<i>KO</i> : ? type of ~ ?
kpahi -ra		v.		1. to drive a peg or a nail 2. to knock, as at a door 3. to limp 4. to hop(, leap <i>KO</i>) 5. to clap.	(WD)
kpahijo	kpahijon	n.		a kind of yam.	
kpahiga	ima				
kpahim - nda	kpahisi	n.		jalousie mat.	
kpakohira	kpakohi	n.		1. to observe closely 2. to examine.	
kpakohira	riba			oil-seller	<i>KO</i>
kpakpa	kpakpan	n.		1. oil-palm tree 2. palm kernels 3. a target.	<i>cf. kpaakpa</i>
kpakpakum a		n.		pieces of cowhide, singed and cooked.	
kpakpili	kpakpiy	n.		a tortoise.	
kpakuto	kpakuto	n.		a valuable gown.	
kpakuto	nima				
kpalakpalaz unzon		n.		the act of suspending oneself with the hands.	
kpalanja	kpala	n.		tree.	<i>Afzelia Africana</i>
kpalanja	kpalansi	n.		sack	<i>KO</i>
kpalanja	kpalansi	n.		200 cedis	<i>KO</i> kpalans'ayi 400 cedis
kpalgu	kpalti	n.		soup seasoning of fermented dawadawa seeds	
kpali	kpaya	n.		1. the back of the head 2. the occiput.	
kpalieyu	kpalieri	n.		a climbing plant bearing long pods.	
kpalim -nda		v.		to remain.	
kpalinga	kpalinsi	n.		ululating cry of praise/triumph, women's; woman making such a cry	
kpalsoru	kpalsori	n.		a tree of the <i>Afzeliae</i> , but with larger leaves.	
kpalua	kpaluhi	n.		a weaver.	
kpáṁ	kpama	n.		1. oil (general term)	

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				2. grease 3. fat 4. lard 5. bihim kpam . butter; cream.	
kpam -da			v.	to whimper.	
kpambali	kpamba		n.	the rank of elder.	? < a senior elder, court elder ?
kpamdi	ya		n.	1. senility 2. agedness 3. gbaai kpamdi . to be aged.	
kpamli			n.	authority; old age wisdom	<i>KO</i> eldership
kpamvoyu			n.	horse grass.	
Kpanalana	Kpanala		n.	traditionally, the second elder in the council.	‘spear-owner’
kpandli	kpanda		n.	a wooden dish or bowl.	
kpanjoyu	kpanjori		n.	a woven straw basket with a cover.	
kpani	kpana		n.	1. a spear 2. a javelin.	
kpante			n.	1. haemorrhoids, piles . of chua????	
kpantemahi li	kpantem aha		n.	piles evidenced by causing a flabbiness.	
kpantekuuŋ a	kpantek uunsi		n.	piles evidenced by causing anaemia.	
kpáŋ	kpínî		n.	guinea-fowl. (WD)	(kpon . ED).
kpaŋ -da			v.	1. to recover from illness 2. kpaŋ - maja . to exert oneself; to try hard; to persevere 3. to stop bearing children.	lit. ‘strengthen .. self’
kpaŋa		C?:		away from a place; off to the side (? a noun meaning ‘side, margin’?)	<i>KO</i>
kpaŋa	kpana		n.	axe	<i>KO</i>
kpaŋsi -ra			n.	1. to strengthen 2. to encourage.	
kpaŋkpiŋ	kpaŋkpi ma		n.	a prostitute. (ED) (jaymelo , WD).	
kpara	kparba		n.	1. a farmer 2. a labourer 3. puhi kparba . to request labourers to come and work gratis; to secure the services of a sorcerer.	
kparbu	kpari		n.	a large gown. (WD)(kpalbu , ED).	
kparbuia	kparbuh i		n.	common duiker.	
kparchia	kparchih i		n.	small gourd	
kpargi	-ra		v.	1. to open 2. to unlock.	

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kpari		n.		1. tassel of corn 2. raffia. (<i>vide jehi</i>) 3. yi kpari. to tassel.	
kpari	-ta	v.		1. to shut 2. to lock.	<i>KO kpari (X) sarika</i> 'imprison' 'lock (in) prison'
kpári wáhù	kpári	n.	s	amphisbaenid often killed by farmers while hoeing. A name also applied to the tapeworm	<i>Amphisbaena</i> spp. et. 'farmer's snake'
kparigu	kpariti	n.		shirt, smock, gown, robe (garment, esp. man's, fitting shoulders/arms, of any length)	<i>KO lo kpara</i> 'prepare for a task' 'tie shirts' = 'gird up loins' - ? literal translation in Bible &c. ?
kparli	kpara	n.		baboon.	
kparpuhiga	kparpuh	n.		a small species of shrub with milky juice.	
kparoŋ	isi	n.		1. cheek	
	kparima	n.		2. ŋwum kparima. to grumble.	? ŋum (T.N. - neither entered) imv. in NT ŋumdi Luke 7:49
kparoŋbuli	kparoŋb	n.		tuberculosis of the cheek.	
uya					
kparwohu	kparyuri	n.		1. a kind of round worm 2. a round, brown worm sometimes vomited up, sometimes found in the faeces.	tapeworm <i>KO</i>
kpasanya	kpasansi	n.		a child of a slave woman.	
kpatani	kpatana	n.		aggrey beads.	
kpatindariŋ		n.		small spider.	
ga					
kpatinarpil	kpatinar	n.		egg sheath.	
gu	pila or				
	kpatinar				
	pilsı				
kpatinarzan		n.		spider's web.	
a					
kpatinyaŋ		n.	ai	small hoe	<i>KO</i>
kpatonja	kpatonsi	n.		1. a canoe man 2. a ferry man.	kpatoona KO
kpaya		n.		catapult (Br.), slingshot (Am.)	<i>KO</i>
kpayuma	kpayum	n.		a lazy person.	
kpe		dem.		here, right here	<i>KO kpe ha, kpe sa</i> (tone H H) 'yonder, over there, ..'
kpe	-ra	v.		1. to enter 2. to go into 3. to dress stone 4. to hew 5. to fashion 6. to carve 7. to flood or over-flow 8. to meddle.	<i>KO kpe moyu</i> 'go astray' 'go into the bush' saha kpeya 'time is far spent'
kpe					
kpee	taba	adv.		here. 1. an equal 2. one of the same age. rank or merit 3. a 'brother' or 'neighbour'	<i>see kpe</i>

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kpee		v.		in the New Testament sense.	
kpeeni		a.		boil	KO
				important; stiff, hard	KO 2 words - kpem- ‘hard’ / kpem- ‘elder’
kpeha		adv.		there. (a place within sight). (<i>vide ‘ni ha’.</i>).	ni ha not entered (T.N.) ? beni ha ?
kpehi -ra		v.		1. to take in 2. to put in. (used of inanimate objects). 3. to incarcerate.	
kpekuntilga	kpekunti	n.		fish trap. (WD).	
	lsi				
kpekuntirg	kpekunti	n.		fish trap. (ED).	
a	rsi				
kpeli	kpeya	n.		weaver's comb.	
kpeli -nda		v.		1. to joke 2. to make fun of.	
kpema	kpamba	n.		an elder (either by age or rank).	KO kpem’sani ‘eldership’ (‘an elder’s place’)
kpema		v.		1. to be hard 2. to be strong 3. to be difficult 4. to be troublesome.	
kpergu		n.		1. boisterous play 2. disturbance.	
kperi	-ta	v.		to play boisterously.	
kperli	kperlini	n.		1. a playmate 2. a friend.	
	ma				
kpeya		n.		malt, fermented grain ready for brewing pito.	
kpi -ra		v.		1. to die 2. to come to an end 3. to be extinguished 4. to rot 5. to be worn out.	
kpibga	kpibsi	n.		1. an orphan 2. vuya kpibsi . the children of paupers.	
kpibga	kpibi	n.		a head louse.	
kpibga		n.		headtie	KO
kpidonjor	kpidonjor	n.		a distant relative.	
	ojnima				
Kpienzaala		n.		the Almighty	KO
na					
kpihi -ra		v.		1. to quench fire 2. to extinguish.	
kpihiga	kpihisi	n.		ackee apple tree.	? pihiga (T.N.)
kpihili	kpiha	n.		an ackee apple fruit.	? pihili (T.N.)
kpihim -		v.		to erase.	
nda					
kpiinkpihi		n.		epilepsy	KO
kpiiña	kpihi	n.		a shea nut.	
kpkpalga	kpkpals	n.		fan palm.	borassus <i>i or</i>

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kpikpala	kpikpala				
kpikpalga	kpikpalg	n.		fan palm tree.	
ŋ	bana				
kpilga	kpilsı	n.		short and stocky.	
kpilgu	kpila	n.		the pelvic region, hips.	
kpili -nda		v.		to tuck something in the cheek.	
kpilim -nda		v.		1. to roll up into balls 2. to roll up, as a scroll.	
kpiliŋkpia	kpiliŋkpi	n.		the hook-bill bird. (ED) (<i>vide tuliŋkpia</i>).	hornbill (T.N.)
kpiliŋkpihi	hi	n.		1. spasms 2. fits.	
kpiliŋkpuy	kpiliŋkp	n.		hiccough.	
u	uri				
kpili	kpila	n.		1. a piece 2. a lump 3. a seed or a stone of fruit.	
kpillikpila		a.		round	<i>KO</i>
kpima	kpimba	n.		1. the dead 2. a dead body.	
kpina	kpinnim	n.		yam cultivar (ED) (kpinu , WD).	
kpini	a		v.	1. to concern 2. to be related to.	
Kpini-bilaa		p.n.		6th. month of the Dagomba year (before ‘ Kpini Goli ’).	
Kpini Goli		p.n.		7th. month of the Dagomba year	
Kpini Churu		n.		feast day when guinea fowls are sacrificed.	? whipped ? given to in-laws ? (T.N.)
kpинu	kpинim	n.		yam cultivar (WD)(kpina , ED).	
kpinyihuŋ	kpinyihı	n.		a person said to have died and come to live again.	
kpiŋoyu	kpiŋori	n.		tree used for rafters.	
kpioŋ		n.		1. strength 2. power 3. means.	
kpiri -ta		v.		to be deaf.	
kpiriŋga	kpirinsi	n.		yam cultivar	
kpiuŋ	kpima	a.		1. dead 2. worn out 3. decayed. (a suffix)).	
kpoŋu	kpari	n.		1. raffia 2. the tassel of maize.	
kpohi -ra		v.		(ED). (<i>vide kpahi</i> ,).	
kpoŋ	kpini	n.		a guinea-fowl. (ED)(kpaŋ , WD).	
kpuyi -ra		v.		1. to take up, pick up. 2. kpuyi paya . to marry; to take a wife 3. to lift.	<i>KO kpuyi nuhi</i> ‘surrender’ (‘put up hands’ - calque or trans. fr. Eng.) atam kpuyibu ‘harvest-gathering’
kpuyli	kpuya	a.		1. shallow 2. small (of houses, etc.).	

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kpukpalga	kpukpala	n.		fan palm.	
kpukpakpa	kpukpakpa	n.		palm oil.	
am	paama				
kpukpalvari		n.		palm leaves	KO
kpukpari	kpukparsi	n.		'fairy', bush-sprite; jinn (Muslim spirits)	KO
kpukpoyu	kpukparsi	n.		a catfish.	(<i>vide jepaya</i>).
kpuŋja	kpuŋsi	n.		1. a keen-sighted, diving bird 2. a child prodigy.	
kpuŋkaŋa	kpuŋkan	n.		the forearm. (<i>vide kpuŋkpaŋa</i>).	
Kpuŋkpana	Kpuŋkpaamba	p.n.		Konkomba person	
kpuŋkpani	kpuŋkpana	n.		1. elbow joint 2. Idiom: strength.	
kpuŋkpaŋa	kpuŋkan	n.		a wing of a bird. (<i>vide kpuŋkaŋa</i>).	
kpuŋkpaŋg	kpuŋkpa	n.		false acha grass.	
oŋ	ŋonga				
kpuŋkpaŋg	kpuŋkpa	n.		the elbow.	
ua	ŋguhi				
kpuŋkpaŋk	kpuŋkpa	n.		tree like the one called 'ykayiŋga'.	ykayiŋga improbable (T.N.)
uŋmeli	ŋkuŋme				
	ya				
kpuŋkpumi	kpuŋkpuma	n.		a tadpole.	

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la -ra		v.	1. to laugh 2. to laugh at 3. to break open (as a seed pod.).	KO la kparima ni 'smile'
la		dem.	pron 1. that; referring to a word already mentioned or a word understood 2. this word may be used to qualify and co-ordinate a subordinate clause when that clause refers to past time. used to emphasise the verb (complement TN)	KO def. article for 'new' information
la		part.		After the verb word when something follows (not clause final). AJN entry : ? = la : dali la 'day before yesterday'; soha la 'yesterday'; Atani la dali 'last Monday'
laa	lahi	n.	a dish.	
laa	lahi	a	a suffix denoting the male sex of certain animals	(<i>vide 'loyu'</i>).

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laabida		part.		the fact is.	<i>see next</i>
laabirata		adv.		really, truly	<i>KO see prev.</i>
laakali	laakaya	n.		one-eyed person (used with 'yini').	
laalaa		excl.		don't want trouble	<i>KO see next</i>
laalaa		excl.		an expression of surprise.	(A). <i>see prev.</i>
laam		n.		Bengal bean plant.	
laanigu	laanisi	n.		guinea fowl	<i>KO bush-g.f. ?</i>
laara		n.		1. reward 2. tribute received 3. rental money received.	
laati		n.		torch, flashlight, torchlight	< English 'light'
labalaba		a.		soft	<i>KO</i>
labi -ra		v.		1. to go back, return. (lobi , ED). 2. to retreat 3. to do .. again	(WD)
labsi -ra		v.		4. to throw 5. to throw, cast away. 1. to give back 2. to retaliate 3. labsi nayaanja . to degrade.; to humiliate.	<i>KO lab me</i> 'rebuild' 'return build'
layfu	liyri	n.		1. a cowry 2. a coin 3. money.	
layi -ra		v.		1. to court, seduce 2. layi zori . to make friends with 3. to make a cross mark to ward off evil.	esp. pl. liyri q.v.
layilayi		a.		white	<i>KO</i>
layim -nda		v.		1. to gather together 2. to call together 3. to assemble 4. to have intercourse 5. two or more to have intercourse with one woman.	
layimbu		n.		coming or bringing together	<i>KO</i>
layingu		n.		group, meeting, council,	<i>KO no pl. (N:V)</i>
layisi		v.		gather (many) at a place	<i>KO</i>
laykpahira	laykpahi	n.		cowrie	<i>KO</i>
	rili				
laypielga		n.		1. ready cash 2. cowries.	
laysonda		n.		treasurer	<i>KO</i>
laywolinda		n.		(trading-) capital	<i>KO</i>
lahabali	lahabaya	n.		1. news, story, information, datum/data 2. Lahabali Suŋ . the Gospel.	< Hausa
lahibalitira	lahibali	n.		'journalist' 'news-giver'	<i>KO</i>
	tiriba				

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lahandi		n.		1. a blemish 2. a defect 3. a mark.	
lahanni		n.		1. a blemish 2. a defect 3. a mark.	
lahi		adv.		again (used with 'lan', it adds emphasis).	
lahisari		n.		Muslim prayer-time at 3 o'clock p.m.	KO
lakumi	lakumini	n.		a camel.	laakumi KO (< Berber via Hausa)
lala	ma	adv.		1. so 2. thus 3. in that way.	
lali -nda		v.		1. to glide 2. to swing from 3. to dangle.	stagger KO
lam	-da	v.		1. to eat the first-fruits of a crop 2. to sample.	
lam		n.		cow-itch	
lamli	lama	n.		<i>Mucuna pruriens</i>	
lampoo		n.		1. a wattle of a cock	<French <i>l'impôt</i>
lan		adv.		2. the gum without the teeth.	KO
lana	lannima	n.		tax	[following bu or other neg.]
lana	lannima	a.		again; (no) longer	
ladani	landanni	n.		owner. (rarely used by itself).	
	ma			a suffix denoting ownership: (compounding noun TN)	
lani	lana	n.		muezzin	<Arabic
lanjam		n.		testicle.	
lanjiŋa	lanjinsi	n.		shrub.	(<i>vide koyem.</i>)
lantabili	lantaba	n.		a tree used to make charcoal.	(<i>vide nanʒili</i>)
laŋa	lansi	n.		castrated animal	KO
laŋgandili	laŋganda	n.		1. a casting net 2. a net used to wrap about loads carried on the head.	
laŋgirndoo	laŋgirndo	n.		1. a disease with swellings 2. a large fruit of a certain tree; it is used for medicine.	
laŋgobli	laŋgoba	n.		a kind of grass.	
larbako	larbakon	n.		a person, who by nature has only one testicle. i.e suffering from monorchitis	
	ima			yam cultivar	
Larbu	Larbuni	p.n.		an Arab.	(Laribawa KO)
	ma				

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Laribu		p.n.		Arab land	<i>KO</i>
larga	larsi	n.		nook. (WD) (lorga , ED).	
lari		n.		1. laughter 2. mali lari . to be laughable. suffix. the plural form of	
lari		a.		'loyu', the masculine indicator for certain animals.	
laringa	larinsi	n.		a small animal of the squirrel family.	Gambian sun-squirrel
lasabo		n.		1. a reckoning 2. an accounting 3. a type, kind 4. in the negative sense, it means: useless; not included. 6. O ka lasabo . He is senseless.	laasabu KO
Laundani		p.n.		London	<i>KO</i>
? le	lelima -ra	n. v.		the fruit of the 'lelinga' tree. 1. to feed a baby 2. to pour a liquid into a vessel having a small opening. 1. to turn upside down 2. to turn inside out 3. to become 3. to change (sb./sth.) into... 4. to be smart or quick.	? lelini ?
lebgi -ra		v.			
lebginsim		n.		development	<i>KO</i>
lebi		v.		become	<i>KO</i>
lebila	lebih	n.		cudgel	KO lebbila ??
lee		part.		1. used as the old English use of the word, 'pray', expressing a bit of contempt, impatience, or direct concern. 2. used in asking questions of a technical nature or requiring a thoughtful, sometimes detailed answer. The actual meaning, in this sense, is most difficult to express or translate. Its use can only be learned by practice.	[ŋuni lee nye nyini? Who, pray, are you?] 'Who/What on earth...?' [T.N.]
leefe	leefenim a	n. a		1. a straw basket with a cover 2. a basket containing dowry clothes.	
leei -ra		v.		1. to install a chief; to crown a king; to inaugurate 2. to become 3. to turn (sth./sb.) into ... 4. to translate (<i>KO</i>)	
leemu		n.		orange; citrus fruit	< Huusa
leenga	leensi	n.		'shade-porch' in front of house, stall (erected shed), small shelter.	
leha		a.		the feast of sacrifice (leha)	celebrated to commemorate the memory of Abraham's readiness

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lehi -ra		v.		1. to cut the teeth 2. to fill in gaps where plants have failed to grow 3. to replace.	to offer his son Ismail as sacrifice to Allah, usually a grown sheep /goat is killed.
lehu	leri	n.		an adze.	
lelgu	lele	n.		a cockroach.	leliga / lela KO
leli	leya	n.		1. a den 2. a lair.	
leli -nda		v.		1. to lick 2. to taste. to come near to something in quantity or quality. (generally used negatively).	
lelinga	lelinsi	n.		tree bearing edible berries.	
lem	lema	n.		a state umbrella.	
lemu	lemunim	n.		an orange, or other citrus fruit	<i>see leemu</i>
a					
li		pron.		third person sing., neuter, obj. case. it.	
libgi -ra		v.		1. to take by surprise 2. to surprise.	
lichihī		n.		1. deceit 2. fraud 3. false accusation 4. niŋ lichihī . to deceive; to defraud 5. lo lichihī . to falsely accuse.	
lieyu	lieri	n.		very young baby	<i>KO</i> being fed cf. le , <i>KO bilieyu</i>
liya		n.		darkness.	
liyi -ra		v.		1. to patch; to mend 2. to repair, as a wall 3. to hold the breath.	
ligi		v.		to faint	<i>KO AJN entry :</i>
liyibū		n.		coma; fainting; unconsciousness	<i>KO</i>
liyri		n.		money	<i>KO</i> sg. layfu q.v. di liyri ‘price’ (‘its money’); n-di liyri ‘to earn money’; ‘to embezzle money’ liyri awei ‘money from grandfather to grandchildren’
liysi -ra		v.		to spot; to stain.	
lihalihā		adv.		dusky.	
lihi -ra		v.		1. to look 2. to look at 3. to look after.	<i>KO lihi ȝem</i> ‘defy’ ‘look.at despise’
lii		n.		dim light	<i>KO</i>
liiga		n.		shirt	<i>KO</i> ? type of ~
lilga	lilsī	n.		a medicine to make one invisible.	
lili -nda		v.		to disappear from sight by	

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lilia	lilihi		n.	supernatural power.	
lilisika	lilisikani		n.	yam cultivar	
	ma			a yellow-spotted head-kerchief.	
lilnli	lilima		n.	1. the African wild cherry tree 2. wild cherries.	
Limam	Limann		n.	an Imam; a Muslim high priest.	< Arabic via Hausa
limsi -ra	ima		v.	1. to be covered by 2. to becloud; to overshadow 3. to confuse an issue 4. to distract from another's conversation 5. to get out of sight; to disappear.	
linjima			n.	soldier	<English <i>engineer</i>
linliriŋ	linlirma		n.	a creeping plant.	
lija	linsi		n.	1. a lid 2. a cover.	
lirgi -ra			v.	1. to turn inside out 2. to throw out the chest.	
liri -ta			v.	1. to attack 2. to cover up 3. to obstruct vision 4. liri ashili . to conceal a secret 5. liri gbini . to cover the shame of.	
litaafi	litaafini		n.	1. a book	(<i>vide</i> ‘ kundi ’).
	ma			2. a section of a book.	
liti			n.	complete darkness	<i>KO</i>
lo -ra			v.	1. to tie 2. to secure 3. an auxiliary verb:	lo ania , to endeavor; lo noli , to fast; lo alkauli , to promise. lo amilia . have a wedding - with Muslim or Christian ceremony
loyi -ra			v.	1. to move stealthily 2. to evade 3. loyi boyli , to perform the first stage of a Dagomba funeral custom.	
loykpia	loykpihi		n.	cantankerousness.	
loyo	loyonim		n.	(<i>vide loko</i>).	
	a				
loyri			n.	the final observances of the Dagomba funeral custom.	
loysi -ra			v.	1. to be rutted (as a road) 2. to be eroded.	
loyu			n.	poison.	pl. ? loyri or lori
loyu	loyunim		n.	(<i>vide loko</i>).	pl. ? < loyri or lori
	a				
loyu	loyri		n.	a quiver.	
loyu	lori		n.	a large water pot.	

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loyu	lari		n.	the masculine indicator for certain animals. (<i>vide laa</i>).	
lobi -ra			v.	1. to cast away 2. to throw 3. to throw away 4. to go back 5. to retreat 6. to return. (labi , WD).	(ED)
lobu	lobunim		n.	good luck.	(<i>vide alobu</i>).
loha	a		n.	fermenting agent in pito. (ED) (lo'hirli , WD).	
lohi -ra			v.	1. to soak in water 2. to submerge 3. to cook whole 4. to move from place to place 5. to spring from tree to tree.	
lohirli	lohira		n.	the fermenting agent in pito. (W. D.) (lo'ha , ED).	
loko	lokonom		n.	1. a well in a town, not deeply dug 2. a water hole 3. a shallow well.	(sometimes ' loya ' or ' loyu ').
lom	loma		n.	the beard of a ram; 'silk' of corn (maize); twine for tying (e.g. for goats/sheep)	
lomli	loma		n.	a special dress for a dance.	
lomli	loma		a.	1. well-built 2. vivacious. (usually used to describe ' paysarli ').	
loŋ	loŋa		n.	1. the throat, inner throat, gullet 2. frog.	
loŋ -da			v.	to gag.	? choke, or stop mouth? TN
loŋ shiluŋ			n.	a permanent inability to speak aloud; the loss of voice.	
loŋaloŋa			a.	brackish.	
loŋchi	lonchi		n.	ferry, 'pontoon'	KO Eng. 'a launch'
loŋboyu	longboyr		n.	a goitre.	
loŋni		N loc		under something enclosing e.g. bed or table 'in the throat of' beneath; at foot of (hill)	KO locative noun -+-ni see gbinni note
loŋni		n.		under something enclosing e.g. bed or table 'in the throat of' beneath; at foot of (hill)	KO locative noun -+-ni see gbinni note
loo	lohi	n.		field mouse.	
looi -ra		v.		to change from a place; to transfer	(used with respect of ' yili ' or ' tiŋa ', sometimes ' dunia ').
looko	lookoni		n.	1. the staff supporting a load	
	ma			2. ŋme looko . to interrupt a journey.	
looloo		n.		bauxite	KO
looloochi		n.		method	KO

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loori		n.		lorry, car <English	<i>KO</i>
lorga	lorsi	n.		a nook. (ED) (larga , WD).	
lorgi -ra		v.		1. to untie 2. to be unsuccessful	
lorgi amilia		v.p.		to divorce	
lorgi noli		v.p.		to take a meal after a fast	
losbidi ??		adv.		truly	<i>KO</i>
lu -ra		v.		1. to fall down 2. to be judged guilty, lose law ‘case’ 3. to be settled. (as a matter in court) 4. f???led in case of creeping plants.	<i>KO lu soli</i> ‘start going’; noli na bi lu tiŋa ‘no sooner had he finished talking’ ‘word (see noli note) had not yet fallen to the ground’; yiyirigu lubu shee ‘airport’ ‘flying.thing falling place’
lua	luhi	n.		game played by girls.	
luu		n.		downfall	<i>KO</i>
luyi	-ra	v.		1. to bore	
luyi yem				to conceive an idea	
luyiluyi		a.		bad smelling	<i>KO</i>
luylaa		n.		a disease of the gums.	
luyli		n.		the enlargement of the spleen as caused by malaria.	
luyli	luya	n.		1. the side of anything 2. a person's side 3. cardinal direction (North, S,E,W) 4. a place.	
luylikam		adv.		everywhere	<i>KO</i>
luypinayi		a.		complete. (literally: all twelve sides).	
zaa					
luyysi -ra		v.		1. to sow seed the second time 2. to withdraw a remark 3. to pick the teeth. to scoop out.	
luyuluŋu	luyuluŋri	n.		a bottle.	
luhi -ra		v.		1. to make a fall 2. to be satisfied 3. to be right 4. to finish a project.	
lukpoŋu	lukpori	n.		weed.	
luli	luya	n.	b	green fruit-pigeon.	
lumfa	lumfani	n.		1. a veranda 2. a shed.	lunfa / lunfanim <i>KO</i>
luŋa	ma				
luŋa	lunsi	n.	mi	the drum, shaped like an hour-glass, upon which the drummers beat when reciting Dagomba history 2. the drummer of such.	
luŋaluŋa		a.		pulpy, soft.	
luŋkuŋmaa	luŋkuŋmja	n.		climbing plant having fruit much larger than that produced on the plant called ‘firginli’.	
ŋa	aansi				

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luudoli		n.		path downwards	<i>KO lu n-doli</i> V + V ‘fall and follow’ ?
M					
m		pron.		1st pers. pron. sing. nom. case. ‘I’	phonetically conditioned. The Dagbani pronoun is ‘N’, and becomes ‘m’ before ‘b’, ‘gb’, ‘m’, and ‘p’.)
ma		pron.		1st pers. pron. sing. obj. case. ‘me’.	
ma	manima	n.		mother.	
maa		dem.		1. the 2. that 3. a particle qualifying a subordinate clause when the clause refers to past time.	def. article, marker for ‘old’ information <i>KO</i>
[O ni daa chaŋ maa, ka o daa wum di yelmaŋli. When he went, he learned the truth.]					
maai -ra		v.		1. to be cool 2. to get cool 3. to be tame 4. maai suhu. to comfort; to appease 5. suhi maai. to be comforted; to be appeased 6. maai nii. to keep calm 7. nii maai. to want to vomit.	
maali -na		v.		1. to repair 2. to make 3. to settle 4. to perform a custom 5. to tend a diety 6. an auxiliary verb:	
maaligu		n.		1. a sacrifice or anything to do with sacrifice, ritual or social function. 2. work 3. business.	maali shili. to prepare; maali giuna. , to agree, etc.,
maam	maama	n.		1. sweetheart 2. under certain conditions, a concubine 3. a polite form of address to close friends of the opposite sex.	
maana	maandib	n.		1. a blacksmith 2. a maker 3. a repairer.	(in compounds)
	a				----- ‘ -----
maana		n.		reason.	
maani	maana	n.		okra.	(answer <i>KO</i>)
maankuuni	maanku	n.		dried okra.	
	ma				
maanshaasi		excl.		it serves you right.	
maanshaata		excl.		it serves you right.	

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maantoo	maantoh i		n.	dried okra, in soup form.	
maanvaa			n.	leaves of okra	<i>KO</i> pl. maanvari ?
maasim			n.	coolness, dampness (<i>cf./ct. wari</i>) ; chilly (weather).	<i>KO</i> MP pronunciation, see maham: ti maasim ‘good morning’ (second greeting) ‘our coolness’
mabia	mabihi		n.	brother (lit.: (my) mother’s child), pl. used for ‘brethren’	<i>KO</i>
mabilgu			n.	fraternity	<i>KO</i>
macheli			n.	blacksmith	(Hausa) <i>KO</i> also mancheli see next
machele	macelini ma		n.	a blacksmith.	< Hausa <i>see prev.</i>
machelitali			n.	blacksmithing	<i>KO</i>
mayam			n.	lie; showing off ; boasting	<i>KO</i>
magazia	mazazia nima		n.	a leader of a group of women.	< Hausa
maysi	maysini ma		n.	scissors	< Hausa
maysi		v.		compare	<i>KO</i>
maha -ra		v.		1. to be fresh 2. to be damp 3. to be cool 4. to make cool 5. to be slow in one's actions; to be sluggish 6. to be well.	
maham			n.	coolness, dampness, shade	<i>KO</i> masim, mahim <i>see also maasim, ma'him</i>
mahigi -ra		v.		1. to moisten 2. to make cool by moistening.	
mahi		v.		cool down (e.g. liquid)	<i>KO</i>
mahigi		v.		wet	<i>KO</i>
mahigu		n.		a mild form of a venereal disease, more generally occurring with women.	
mahili			n.	1. cool weather 2. chilly weather.	
mahili	maha		n.	pancake, fried sour corn cake	
mahili	maha		a.	1. damp 2. cool 3. fresh 4. sluggish 5. slow of action.	
mahim			n.	1. shade 2. shadow 3. menstruation.	
makalee	makaleh i		n.	a small child	<i>vide mayaanakalee</i>
makolle			n.	big metal pot or bin ?	<i>KO</i>
makpema	makpem nima		n.	mother's elder sister.	

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malaika	malaika		n.	an angel.	<Arabic
	nima				
malaika	m guliba		n.	guardian angel	<i>KO</i>
gula					
malbu		n.		1. dependants 2. activities: 3. condition.	[Naawuni ni soŋ a malbu. May God assist your activities.]
malfa	malfani		n.	a gun.	also marifa
	ma				
malga	malsi		n.	starling (WD). (kamalga , ED).	
malgi -ra		v.		to moisten.	
malgim		n.		dew.	
malgu		n.		possession(s), household	<i>KO</i> (noun from mali)
malgu		n.		repairing	<i>KO</i> (noun from mali)
malgu		n.		dampness in a room.	
mali	màlà	v.		1. to have 2. to possess 3. to hold. 4. to use (sth. already in hand - see zaŋ) 'deride'	N.B. 'to not have' is ká. di mali vi 'it's shameful':
mali					(lit.: to have mockery ? = mali 'make mockery' ?
ansarisi					
mali conti		v.p.		?? 'uses to' prob.	
mali .. nti		v.p.		'has .. in.order. to'	
mali yiko				be able' 'have power' ()	see tooि
mali		v.		make; repair; (Am. 'fix (up)' is both these) ; to clean	<i>KO</i>
malieyu	malieri		n.	1. a toadstool 2. a mushroom.	
malsa		v.		1. to be sweet (as sugar) 2. to be delicious.	<i>cf. nya'asa</i>
malsim			n.	sweetness	<i>KO</i>
mamii			excl.	Is it not?	<i>KO</i>
manbubo	manbub		n.	a grudge.	
	a				
manchisi			n.	(box of) matches	<English
maneeka			n.	grinding mill	<i>KO</i>
mani		pron.		1st person sing. disjunctive form, nom. I.	
manshiili			a.	not upright	<i>KO</i>
o					
mataŋkali	mantaŋk		n.	1. sieve	(also mataŋkali).
	alinima			2. wire gauze, mosquito screen	
majā			n.	1. a type of boils 2. the shrub used to cure boils.	
majā		pron.		1. self. (reflexive or emphatic in use.) 2. the person is indicated by prefixing the personal pronouns 3. when duplicated it gives the emphatic sense:	<i>KO kpaŋ .. majā</i> (tone H L H) 'try ; do your best to .. ': lit. 'strengthen .. self' [Mmajāmajā ni chaŋ . I myself will go.]

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Mangarba			p.n.	Sunset Prayer; it is performed immediately after sunset.	<i>see toli</i>
maŋbibbu			v.	comforting	<i>KO</i> rather ‘self-control’
maŋkubia	maŋkubi		n.	a key.	
hi					
maŋkulbi			n.	a lock.	
maŋli	maŋa		a.	1. true 2. real 3. good.	<i>KO -maŋli</i> means ‘regular (Am.), ordinary, genuine’ - thus kpamaŋli is ‘shea-butter’, the common, local kpam , and yelimaŋli is ‘truth’, genuine words
u					
maŋmaŋ			n.	humility; selflessness	<i>KO</i>
mapira	mapiran		n.	self-help	<i>KO</i>
	ima		n.	independence	<i>KO</i>
			n.	selflessness	<i>KO</i>
Maraba			excl.	said after seeing someone after a journey: - meaning, ‘I am glad to see you.’; similarly ‘marahabu’.	<Arabic via Hausa (The reply is N gooyia!).
Marahabu			excl.	Welcome!	as Maraba
margi -ra			v.	1. to crush 2. to press, with weight.	
márî			n.	pus	stem form: má' , már'
mari	-ra		v.	1. to flatten out (as moulding clay) 2. to flatten out (as a tin can; always gives a sense of destruction.)	
marifakuyil	-kuya		n.	bullet	<i>KO</i>
i					
Masia			n.	Christ, Messiah	<i>KO</i> (esp. used by Protestants - RC Kristo)
masifa			n.	war.	<i>see next</i>
mashiifa			n.	disaster	<i>KO</i> (< Hausa < Ar.) <i>see prev.</i>
mataŋkali	mataŋka		n.	1. a sieve	
	linima			2. wire gauze. (also mantaŋkali).	
matarka	matarka		n.	hammer. < Hausa	
	nima				
matuuka			n.	motor car [old word]	<i>KO</i> <English
mayaŋkale	mayaŋ		n.	a small child.	(also makale'e).
e	kalehi				
mayambila	mayamb		n.	a small child.	
	ihî				
mazagali	mazagay		n.	a file. (a tool).	< Hausa
	a				
Mba	Mbanim		p.n.	1. courteous title of the eunuch elder of Ya Naa	
	a				

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mbala		pron.		2. a courteous means of address to old and respected men is ‘ M Ba ’. ‘My father’. 1. that	
mbaye		excl.		2. demons. phrase. that is. An expression of surprise or disappointment.	
mbongo		pron.		1. this 2. demons. phrase. this is.	
mbusu		excl.		1. woe 2. can be used as an interj. expressing distress.	
mbusum		excl.		1. woe 2. can be used as an interj. expressing distress.	
mbusumlan a	mbusum nima	n.		a woeful person.	
me -ra		v.		build in mud (house, pot or nest of e.g. swallow, insect)	<i>KO labi me</i> ‘rebuild’ ‘return build’
mebinli	mebima	n.		roundworm, in the human system.	(ED)(mebla , WD).
meblo	mebla	n.		(WD)(<i>vide mebinli</i> , ED).	
mebu		n.		building (action); moulding	<i>KO</i>
meei		v.		to pass blame onto someone	<i>KO</i>
meei -ra		v.		to spread open.	For example: to open the eye; to open the anus; to open the vagina; to open a fruit.
meenga	meensi	n.		turtle.	<English
meesa		n.		mason	
mehi taba		v.		shift to each other (???)	
mergi -ra		v.		1. to pout in contempt 2. to be squashed.	
meri -ta		v.		1. to crush 2. to smash.	
meri kpiti		adv.		eyes open wide	
mfaa		excl.		1. bravo 2. well done! 3. fine! an exclamation of approval.	
mfaanya		excl.		1. bravo 2. well done! 3. fine! an exclamation of approval.	
mi		v.		to know	negative is 3í , to not know s.t.
mi		aux.		marker for ‘new’ information (on verb) / aspect marker for imperfective	<i>KO</i> : verb focus (<i>cf./ct. Ia</i>) <i>TN</i>
mi		v.		ever, in the past	<i>KO</i> i.e. have experienced something : [M mi n-chaj] NaaYa. I have gone to Yendi before.] :: translate :— 'have'[perf.] in positive, 'ever' in question, 'never' with negative (but see 3í)

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mi -ra		v.		1. to rain 2. to seep through (as water through an earthen pot.) 3. to spin cotton.	na mi n- ‘ever before’
mi		conj.		also; too	<i>KO N + mi</i> ‘N for his/her part’ - contrasts what one participant is/does with a parallel statement about another (<i>ct. gba</i> where they both do/are the same)
mia	mihi	n.		1. a string 2. a rope 3. a thread.	<i>KO</i> thinner ‘cord’, ‘twine’, ‘string’, ‘thread’ may be gabga or garga
miyu	miri	n.		1. a strand of fibre 2. a strand of elastic.	
miha		a.		sour (of fruit).	
mihi		v.		be sour; make sour	<i>KO AJN entry :</i> mihi nini ‘frown’: (this is not mihi ‘sprinkle’ but mihi ‘make sour’, miha ‘be sour’, mihli/miha ‘sour’ (esp. rain - saa mihi ‘there is a shower’))
mihi -ra		v.		1. to sprinkle liquids. (usually duplicated when so used) 2. to spray.	
mihigi -ra		v.		1. to flip off 2. to shake off.	
mii -ra		v.		1. to be sour (as of milk, not limes) 2. to go badly with;	[Di mii ti zujo. It has gone badly with us today.]
miili	miina	v.		3. ache, be in pain (<i>KO</i>) 1. to be familiar with 2. to be habitual 3. to become accustomed to.	
miilgu		n.		acquaintance.	
milgi -ra		v.		1. to dress into line 2. to be out of line 3. to change one's position.	
milim -nda	minda	v.		to mop up water with a rag.	
milinsi		n.		to disappear from sight.	<i>KO</i>
mim -da		v.		knowledge	
mimahaŋo		adv.		to dive into water.	
mimarli	mimarya	n.		just now. a cudgel. (WD)(kulinduli , ED).	if pl. is not mimara , should be mimarili/mimariya
mimiini	mimia	n.		a fruit of the red hog plum tree.	pl. shd be mimiima (or mimiina)
mimiŋa	mimiinsi	n.		the red hog plum tree (also mumoyli).	
mini		conj.		and (used between nouns or pronouns.)	When used between pronouns, the pronouns occur in direct order in precedence, i.e. 1st, 2nd and 3rd persons).
mira	miriya	v.		1. Beware!	[imperative tense only.]

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miri				2. to avoid 3. be careful not to ... (always followed by 'ka').	
miri -ta		n.		mushrooms.	
		v.		1. to be near 2. to approach 3. to stare at 4. to squeeze out 5. to bulge out.	
mm			excl.	yes	<i>KO</i>
mm			excl.	no, wrong, that is not so	<i>KO</i>
mo -ra			v.	1. to wrestle 2. to contest, strive for 3. to try to attain to.	
moyi -ra			v.	to suck.	
moyli	moya		n.	a river.	river or lake which does not dry up in the dry season; GE ‘dam’ i.e. reservoir: large river (Volta and Oti) <i>KO</i>
moylim - nda			v.	to press out of shape;	[moylim zini , to show humility. the posture of the body.]
móyní			n.	bush	form prefixed to wild plant names to show that they are contrasted with planted varieties
moyolo	moyolon		n.	lute with three strings	and <i>sanka piano?</i>
	ima			2. a harp.	< Hausa <i>mooloo</i>
moysi -ra			v.	1. to nurse 2. to feed a child at the breast 3. to draw out by sucking.	
Moyu			n.	Moore country	
moyu	mori		n.	1. grass, weed. 2. bush 3. the wilderness (an uninhabited place).	(sg. the bush, pl. grass, weed). <i>KO moyu kpebu</i> ‘astray’ ‘going into the bush’ “(lit.:)”
moyu			n.	herbs for medicine.	herbal medicine in water form <i>KO</i>
moyu ni			n.	wild animal	et. ‘bush. in animal’)
binkobgu					
moyu ni		n		zoo	et. bush. in animal house
binkobgu					
yili					
moyulinga			a.	narrow	<i>KO</i> prob. moyli(ŋ)ga
moyumoyu	moyumo		n.	a rectangular building.	
	ri				
moyuni			n.	1. the toilet 2. W.C.	(Idiomatic, lit. moyuni , in the bush).
mogora			n.	hunter for sport or pleasure	<i>KO</i> one who roams - n-go - in the bush - moyu
mohi -ra			v.	1. to redden; to dye a red colour 2. mohi vielim , to turn up the soil; to plough.	

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Mohili		p.n.		the language of the Moose people.	
mokpalli	mokpala	n.		torch of fire	<i>KO</i>
molfu		n.		antelope	male form, molbibga .
moli	-nda	v.		1. to proclaim 2. to beat the drums in announcement 3. to broadcast 4. to put on rafters.	
moli	moya	n.		arrow shaft.	
molo		n.		a proclamation, usually with a drum.	
moma		a.		ripe	<i>KO</i>
momaha		n.		green pasture ('fresh grass')	<i>KO</i>
moŋ -da		v.		to refuse to give.	(cf./ct. zaysi)
moŋgu		n.		mango	<English
moni	mona	n.		1. the daily ration of grain 2. money for daily food.	given by householder to women to 'stir' TZ
moni -da		v.		to 'stir' - cook - TZ	
Moo	Mohi	p.n.		Mossi person	GE: Moshi
mooi -ra		v.		1. to ripen 2. to be ripe (of fruit) 3. to be red 4. mooi buyim . to fetch fire 5. mooi nini . to be serious.	<i>KO</i> mooi nini 'be 'serious', become serious' ('have red eyes')
moori		a.		ripe	<i>KO</i>
mopilinyua	mopiliny	n.		tip of a roof	<i>KO</i>
uhí					
mopilli	mopila	n.		1. a grass roof 2. a roof.	
morga		n.		resistance.	
mori		n.p.		weeding	et. 'bush' + ?
pahibu					
mori -ta		v.		1. to swell up 2. to be speechless with rage.	
moriga		n.		struggle	<i>KO</i>
motalo		n.		fabric, material from the Moore area	<i>KO</i>
mpaaya		n.		a game of tossing cowries into a distant hole.	
muŋi	-ra	v.		1. to be narrow 2. to be tight.	
muŋim		n.		1. zero 2. no count.	
muŋimuyi		adv.		absolutely nil.	
muŋri		n.		riding boots.	
muŋsi -ra		v.		1. to oppress 2. to constrict 3. to trouble 4. to persecute.	
muŋsigu		n.		1. oppression 2. trouble 3. persecution.	
muhibba		n.		1. a charm	

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				2. a spell 3. a love potion 4. good personality 5. good bearing.	
muhili	muha	n.		medicine ground and rolled into balls.	
mukuru	mukurti	n.		1. (under-)skirt, a piece of clothing with strings attached at each end, and worn about the waist of women 2. a skirt.	
mulfu	mulfuni ma	n.		a red felt material.	
mulim -nda			v.	1. to purse 2. to form into cylindrical shape.	
mulitshi		n.		dependants.	
mulnli	mulima	a.		1. round (as a log of wood) 2. cylindrical 3. complete; absolute:	
mumoyli	mumoya	n.		1. the white hog plum tree 2. the fruit of the white hog plum tree (<i>vide mimiija</i>).	jera mulnli , absolute fool.
munaali			adv.	undeservedly.	
munaalim		n.		an undeserved recompense.	< Hausa
munafysi		n.		1. slander 2. defamation 3. false accusation.	
munafiyysira	munafiy sirba	n.		a slanderer.	
munafiki	munafiki nima	n.		1. a slanderer 2. an informer 3. a secret accuser (always detrimental to the accused, even though true).	munafiichi ‘hypocrisy’ (< Hausa)
munifikilan a	muafikin ima	n.		1. a slanderer 2. an informer 3. a secret accuser (always detrimental to the accused, even though true).	munafiichilana ‘hypocrite’ (<i>KO</i>) < Arabic via Hausa
munli	muna mulima	a.		whole.	
munli		a.		1. round. (as of a log of wood) 2. cylindrical 3. complete; absolute; jera munli , complete fool.	? mulnli/mulma
murjija	murjinsi	n.		a short piece of reed.	
murga	mursi	n.		dried reed used as a torch instead of a lamp.	
Musulmi	Musulmi nima	p.n.		Moslem.	
Musulunsi		p.n.		the Moslem faith; Mohammedanism.	
mushiiba		n.		suffering of affliction.	
muzaaba		n.		suffering of affliction (also	

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muzaalim			n.	mushiiba). suffering of affliction (also mushiiba).	
N					
n		pron.		1st pers. pron., sing., nom. case, I.	[Note: Phonetic assimilation changes this ‘n’ to ‘m’ before ‘b’, ‘gb’, ‘m’, and ‘p’ and occasionally ‘kp’.]
n-		part.		a particle prefixed by a hyphen to verbs in citation and in serial constructions (which occur after a initial verb). It usually reflects the meaning ‘and’	or ‘will’ and as such may be the contraction of ‘ni’, meaning ‘and’ or ‘will’ Some have thought this to be a euphonism, and as such, can only be learned by practice. [<i>vide doyinito</i>]
na	nanima	n.		placenta; afterbirth.	
na or nan		adv.		1. still 2. (not) yet 3. then; afterward	
na or nan		adv.			Dim sayim k'a nan nyu kom. Eat food and then (afterward), drink water.
na mi n-				‘ever before’ (see mi note) <i>KO</i>	
na ʒi n-				‘never before’ (see ʒi)	
na		adv.		1. hither; here. 2. ... and bring. (This is an understood meaning and in frequent usage.)	[Yim na! Come out here!] [Gbaama o na! Catch him and bring him here!] Cham n-da boroboro na! Go and buy bread and bring it here.] ?? see naan
na ?		aux.		The indicator of the subjunctive mood.	
naa	nanima	n.		1. a chief 2. a king 3. a headman.	
naa damba		p.n.		18th day of Damba, day for homage	
naa		excl.		response to a call or to most greetings, unless the name of God is in some way invoked (when the response is ‘ Ami ’).	(Note: the response to a call is usually on a higher tone than to an ordinary greeting. Women speak more musically than men.)
naai	-ra	v.		1. to finish 2. to come to an end 3. to be exhausted (in supply).	sayim naaiya ‘I have died’ <i>KO</i>
naai noli				to agree, to compromise	
naalonj	naalona	n.	b	blue-coloured birds which feed principally upon grasshoppers.	Abyssinian roller?
naam		excl.		an answer to a call (also ‘ naap ’).	
naamam		n.	m	epithet for the cat.	
naan		aux.		marker for condition or	<i>KO</i> see na

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naani			n.	hypoth., ‘would’ 1. trust 2. confidence 3. nij naani , to trust in; to have confidence in.	
naaninye	naaninye		n.	silent cricket.	
nima					
naanyi			adv.	then, subsequently; finally (see poi)	<i>KO</i>
naanzuli	naanzua		n.	pepper	<i>KO</i>
naap			excl.	an answer to a call (also, ‘naam’).	
naasanjerig	naasanje		n.	crab	<i>KO</i> in MP this means a centipede
u	ra				Several words perhaps have their derivation from these: wuntia , righteousness; wuntaja , sun; etc., etc. (<i>vide wunni</i>).
Naawuni			p.n.	1. God, the First Person of the Trinity in Christian doctrine 2. the Almighty, High God of Pagans: Note: an ancestral deity is called ‘wuni’, therefore, Naawuni is the ‘king of all gods’ and is regarded as Creator and Life-giver 3. Allah of Muslims.	Naawuni suhibu ‘praying’ <i>KO</i>
naawuni	naawuni		n.	a dark circle around either the sun or the moon.	‘God’s market’
daa	dahi				
nààwúní	nààwúní		n.	1. a godly man	‘God’s servant/slave’
dáblì	dábà			2. the title of the termite ant called ‘cherli’.	
naawunni	naawuni		n.	the fore-finger.	
nubila	nubihi				
Naawuni			p.n.	God’s Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, in Christian doctrine.	
Shia Kasi					
naba dali			n.	8 th day; a week after	<i>KO</i>
nabi -ra			v.	1. to grow stout (usually said of a child) 2. to increase in weight or quantity.	
nabia	nabihi		n.	1. a son of a chief 2. a descendant of a chief.	
nabikoyu	nabikori		n.	ringworm.	
nabilgu			n.	pride of race, in either a good or a bad sense.	
nabilim			n.	pride of race, in either a good or a bad sense.	
nabinbiemlana			n.	despot	<i>KO nabibiemlana</i> ‘prince.evil.owner’
ana					
nabiyona	nabiyonsi		n.	a prince <i>sine cura</i> .	
nabli			n.	a kind of shrub, used as an herb to bathe thin children.	
nabli	naba		n.	1. leg 2. foot 3. foot-print	

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				4. kari naba , to go and summon; to go and overtake.	chase after, follow sb. (out of sight), try and fnd them [TN]
nachima	nachimb	n.		1. a servant	
	a			2. a lad.	
nachimbila	nachimb	n.		1. a lad	
	a			2. a young man. (also naychima q.v.).	
nay		adv.		only or except; (a short form of ‘ nayla ’, used between the subject and verb.)	[So bi chan puu ni, Abu nay chan . No one went to the farm, only (except) Abu.]
naya		adv.		to sit down heavily or loosely (always with reference to a large person); used with ‘ zini ’.	? semantically-auxiliary verb
naybarga	naybarsi	n.		a black tick bird.	Black magpie? (see naypiel'ga)
naychima	naychim	n.		a lad, a young man, teenage boy (also nachimbila).	[<i>chim</i> occurs in Kuasaal as ‘to herd (animals)’ - TN]
naychinsi	ba	n.		the wearing of fine cloths. (also nachinsi).	! ‘teenage boys’ fashions’!
naygoru	naygorti	n.		a cattle kraal.	(also naylua).
naygula		n.		cowherd	<i>KO</i>
nayi -ra		v.		1. to miss 2. to miss out 3. to fail to 4. to be absent 5. nayi taba , to not see each other;	
				6. to bend concavely; to be sway-backed;	
nayinayi		n.		a wind-fall; something unexpectedly received for gratis.	[Ti nayi taba yum' ayi mboonj . For two years, we have not seen each other.]
nayiyem		n.		grass.	
naykorili	naykora	n.		bullock (‘ploughing-cow’)	<i>KO</i>
naykpaa	naykpah	n.		1. pegs driven in the ground to secure cattle	
	i			2. a place where cattle pegs are driven.	
naykpara	naykpar	n.		a cowherd; (usually a small boy; often a Fulani man.).	
	ba			cattle-plague.	Rinderpest ?
naykum		n.			see also nay
nayla		adv.		1. unless 2. except 3. only 4. until.	
naylaa	naylahi	n.		bull	<i>KO</i>
naylaatabli	naylaata	n.		bullock.	
	ba				
naylaatoli	naylaato	n.		stud bull.	
	ya				
naylinga	naylinsi	n.		1. a small depression in the ground	

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nayluua	nayluhi			2. a low valley. a cattle kraal	
naynimdi			n.	beef	KO
nayninpobr	nayninp		n.	a moth.	
gu	obra				
naynyaŋ	naynya		n.	cow (female)	KO
	ma				
naynyili	naynyiya		n.	m hyena.	
náynyóontí	náynyóó		n.	t tree with long slender pods.	
à	ntihì				náynyóónjá ‘insect sp. that lands on its flowers’. <i>Entada africana</i> Guill. & Perr.
náynyóónjá	náynyóó		n.	i an edible beetle.	
	nsí				
naypielga	naypielsi		n.	1. a white tick bird 2. the lesser (cattle) egret.	
naypuri			n.	grass.	
nayruŋ	nayrima		n.	a small valley.	
nayyihim	nayyihi		n.	horse grass.	
	ma				
nahi			v.	cancel; make level	KO
nahim -nda			v.	1. to worry someone 2. to vex or trouble someone 3. to try hard.	
naħingbaŋ	naħingb ana		n.	description; colour	KO
naħingu			n.	distress, suffering	KO
náhù	níyî		n.	cow, bovine (')	
nakoha	nakohan ima		n.	a butcher.	
nakpaa	nakpahi		n.	a division in a yam farm.	
nakpayindi			n.	1. deliberate negligence (criminal negligence) 2. mali nakpayindi, to be deliberately negligent.	
nakpoyu	nakpari		n.	a musical instrument (flute) made from a guinea corn stalk.	nakpayu KO
nam	nama		n.	1. chieftaincy 2. sovereignty 3. regency.	
nam -da			v.	1. to create 2. to cause 3. to beget 4. to bear a child 5. to invent.	nam zupilgu / nam zupils 'crown' (royal hat) KO
namboyu			n.	1. mercy 2. pity 3. zo namboyu, to have mercy on 4. niŋ namboyu, to cause pity.	
nambosili			n.	sympathy	
namdakuya	namdak		n.	a wooden sandal.	KO

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	uysi				
namdli	namda	n.		1. a sandal 2. a shoe.	
namioŋ	namima	n.		a bush turkey (the Greater Bustard).	
namo		n.		1. poverty 2. non-plentiful supply.	(usually used with a negative, [Mana ka namo shieyu ni. Ocras are in plentiful supply in the rainy season.])
namoyla	namoylb	n.		eunuch.	namoyli KO
	a				
nan		adv.		1. still 2. yet then.	(<i>vide na</i>
nandaaja					
nandahama		n.		sorrow.	
nandahama	nandaha	n.		a person who is sorrowful; one who is experiencing adverse circumstances.	
lana	mnima				
nandana	nandam	n.		1. a poor person 2. a pauper.	
	ba				
nani		n.		1. kind 2. species.	
nani		v.		1. to be possible 2. to be done 3. to thrive 4. to materialise.	
nani -nda		v.		to scrub.	
nanima		n.		placenta.	[<i>vide na</i>]
nansayli	nansaya	n.		tiger-nut.	
nansaytikpi	nansayti	n.		wild or false tiger-nut.	
rli	kpira				
nansanjerg	nansanje	n.		crab.	[I suspect this meaning of being a lexicographical ‘ghost’: in MP it is certainly a red stinging centipede - TN]
u	ra				
nansara		n.		snuff, tobacco.	
nansarchia	nansarc	n.		a snuff box.	
	hihi				
nansarzim	nansarzi	n.		powdered tobacco; ground tobacco.	
	ma				
nantarga	natarsi	n.	m	musk shrew	
nantoo	nantohi	n.		small spiritual bird for evil	<i>KO</i>
nantoo	nantohi	n.		anthrax.	
nanuya	nanuya	n.		yam cultivar	
	nima				
nanviykpuk	nanviyk	n.		a big sand fly.	
pilli	pukpila				
nanviyu	nanviri	n.		a sand fly.	
nanzili	nanziya	n.		tree used for making charcoal.	<i>Prosopis africana</i>
nanzua	nanzuhi	n.		1. a pepper (fruit) 2. pepper as a condiment.	
nanzutoyu	nanzutori	n.		a large, mild pepper.	

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nanzuchirg a	nanzuchi rsi	n.		a small, very hot pepper.	
nangbanma lsm		n.		sweet words	KO
nangbanma lij		n.		blabbermouth	KO
nangbani	nangban a	n.		external mouth (lips etc.), mouth as part of face (<i>vs. noli</i> , inner mouth, mouth as hole, cavity)	AJN entry : used in idioms for a person's opinion, view in a (potential) dispute; noli is firm 'word' as a settled promise or command
nangbanpib li	nangban piba	n.		lip.	
nangbanpo ŋlana		n.	ep	epithet for the hyena.	
nangbansuu li	nangban suuya	n.		breakfast.	lit. 'washing of the mouth'
nangbantoy u		n.		the failure to have eaten.	<i>cf./ct. nolo'ri</i> ,
nangbanto m		n.		1. sorrow 2. a casualty, a mishap.	
nangbanto ma		n.		tribal marks cut near the mouth.	
nangbantuh i		n.		1. a long moustache 2. the whiskers of an animal.	
nangbaŋko bri		n.		moustache.	
nangbaŋkp eeni		n.		1. a dispute 2. an argument 3. ŋme nangbaŋkpeeni , to dispute.	
nangbanzul i	nangban zuya	n.		the point of the hip.	
nangbanzus a		n.		edges	KO nangbanzugsaa 'upper lip' or sg. nangbanzuhili or -zuhigu
nangom	nangom a	n.		1. smut	disease of grain, producing black powder
napaysuli	napaysu ya	n.		grasshopper.	
napayzuli	napayzu ya	n.		a sister or a niece of a chief's wife, given to her as a domestic servant.	
napoyu	naporı	n.		1. a sheep pen inside the compound 2. house 3. sambani napoyu , a pen outside the compound.	
naponchehi		n.		foot level	KO
naponchinc hiba		n.		footsteps sound	KO
napontamdi gu		n.		footstool	KO
napontimti		n.		elephantiasis	KO

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mli					
napoŋ	napona or napoma	n.		leg, foot, wheel of vehicle	ŋme napoŋ ‘pace out’ (measure a distance) <i>KO</i>
napoŋbila	napoŋbi hi	n.		a toe.	
napoŋbilloy	napoŋbil lori	n.		the great toe.	
u					
napoŋkpaa	napoŋkp ahi	n.		the heel.	
napoŋkpuŋl	napoŋkp uya	n.		the ankle.	
gu					
napoŋkpuli	napoŋkp uya	n.		painful swelling and tender soles of the feet.	
napoŋpuuni	napoŋpu ma	n.		the sole of the foot.	
napoŋvoŋu	naponva ri	n.		sole	<i>KO</i> foot’ : ‘sole, palm’ is - tali/-tala
napoŋzaŋa		a.		barefooted	<i>KO</i>
nara		n.		1. early millet 2. a nasal disease in horses.	
nara		excl.		phrase of execration, May God curse you!	
nargbuŋba	nargbuŋ ŋ gbama	n.		grass used in weaving gballa mats.	
narigu		n.		cheating	<i>KO</i>
narim -nda		v.		1. to curse (of persons) 2. to belittle.	
naringa	narinsi	n.		mudfish.	
nasara	nasaara nima	n.		white man; a man of the Caucasian race.	<Hausa Non-African (applies to Koreans, Japanese, Indians) <i>cf. siliminj'a</i>
nasara		n.		1. victory 2. success (as in winning a court case) 3. di nasara , to gain victory, to win, to be successful in contest.	<Arabic
natitamlana		n		almighty	<i>KO</i> na (chief) + titali (big) + lana (owner) ?
nayiya	nayiysi	n.		a thief (also tayiya).	
nayiyim		n.		a theft (also tayiyim).	
nayiysigu		n.		a theft. (also tayiyim).	
nayilga	nayilsi	n.		aborigine	<i>(vide timbuli)</i> .
nayili	naya	n.		palace (irr. pl.)	<i>KO</i>
ndam		num.		Number one; (ordinal number used only in counting	
ndanna		excl.		1. a response to a greeting 2. equivalent to: ‘My lord’.	
n-gooiya		excl.		acknowledgement of a greeting of welcome.	
ne	ne	v.		be awake, alive, capable	<i>KO</i>
ne		v.		to see.	
nee	nehi	n.		the tree (<i>vide segbe</i>).	<i>pterocarpus</i>

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neei	-ra	v.		1. to wake up 2. to resurrect, to come to life again 3. to wake sb. up 4. to dawn; 5. to be clear to the senses 6. to be clear in understanding 7. to be wise 8. to make clear (transitive). 	[Bieyu neeya , Day has dawned. ; neei bieyu ‘the next day’ (lit.: ‘when tomorrow brightens/wakes up’)]
neenahaba		n.		a tree like the one called ‘nee’.	
neeni	nema	n.		possession, tool, piece of luggage.	usu. pl.
neesim		n.		1. light 2. brightness. 3. intelligence.	
nekanya	nekansi	n.		the upper millstone.	
neli	neya	n.		the lower millstone.	
nem		v.		grind	KO
ni		adv.		there, in that place:	[O be ni . He is there.]
ni		prep.		in; into; to; from (according to accompanying verb and context.)	[Kom be duyu ni . There is water in the pot.]
ni		conj.		1. and (used between words but not between sentences). 2. with (accompaniment); 3. with (instrument)	[N yiŋa woŋa ni a yiŋa . My house is far from your house.] comitative particle before NP [ŋun ni u paya chaŋ . He and his wife went]
ni		part.		that: (introducing indirect speech).	[O chaŋ ni o paya . He went with his wife.]
ni		part.		so as to; in order to (introducing a clause).	[O ŋmaai li ni sua . He cut it with a knife.]
ni		part.		1. when (introducing a subordinate clause:) 2. (introducing a relative)	ni is the quotative particle ('(you/they say) that how?') n'a wula (tone H H ! L) ‘what do you mean (by it)? what's up?’
ni		aux.		a particle indicating future time.	
nia		n.		determination	KO see niya, ania, aniya (!)
nifu	nina	n.		eye (a form of nini).	
niyilim		n.		electricity	KO
buyim					
niylnli	niylima	n.		electric fish.	
nii		n.		body	contraction of ‘ ningbun ’)
niima		n.		riches; wealth	< Hausa
nikayu	nikayti	n.		fibre	KO
nim -da		v.		to do everything possible to avoid (always used with ‘go’,	

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nimaā		adv.		always used as a warning).	
nimaali		n.		there	
nimaani		adv.		comfort	
nimbajda	nimbajd iba	n.		there	
nimbila	nimbili	n.		an acquaintance.	
nimbabalga	nimboba lsi	n.		the pupil of the eye (also ninbia).	
nimdi		n.		1. fruit of the dazuli tree 2. any product of it.	
nimmaha		n.		1. meat	
nimmoo		n.		2. (dead) flesh.	
nimpobrigu	nimpobr isi	n.		fresh meat	KO
nimpogu	nimpari	n.		seriousness	KO
nimpuri		n.		blinkers (Br.)/ blinders (Am.)	
nimpuri		n.		[on the bridle of a horse.]	
nim3ie		n.		an eyelid.	
nimbia	nimbili	n.		the secretion from eyes that dries as a dust.	
nimbiera		n.		fresh meat with fat ‘red + meat’	KO
nimbilpiem		n.		pupil of the eye. (also nimbila).	
nimpuri		n.		1. general eye complaint	
nin-		n.c.		2. conjunctivitis.	
ninchini		a.		a stye on the eye.	
ninchinsi		n.		white stuff from the eye	
ninchintali		n.		-person, human- (in fixed compounds)	
nindoo		n.		disrespectful.	
ningurima		n.		disrespect.	
níní	nínâ	n.		disrespect.	
nini bi do				expression, facial features	KO
tija				face not yet washed after sleep	KO
nini tiyi				eye	
ninkayu(?)	ninkari	n.		‘very anxious’ - ‘keep glancing up’	
ninkahimbo		n.		be pleased with; rely on; trust’	
ninkpara		n.		eyebrow	KO
ninkpeental		n.		twinkling of eye	KO
i				spectacles	KO
ninkurgu	ninkura	n.		bravery	KO
ninkuunsi		n.		old, middle aged person	KO
ninkuunsila		n.		awkwardness of character; ‘much courage’	KO
na				difficult person	KO

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ninliha		n.		1. a public performance 2. an exhibition.	
ninmihigun		n.		frown	<i>KO</i>
ninmoo		n.		1. seriousness 2. anxiety 3. eagerness.	<i>see nimmoo</i>
ninneeli		n.		partiality.	
ninnesim		n.		civilisation ('human enlightenment')	<i>KO</i>
ninni	ninna	n.		face.	
nisabga	nisabsi	n.		1. dizziness 2. dismay 3. unrest of mind.	
ninsala	ninsalni	n.		a human being.	<i>see nira, ninvuy', nin-</i>
	ma				
nintam		n.		a tear-drop, tears.	
nitarima	nintarim	n.		a blind person.	mass noun like kom
	ba				
nintofuyifu		n.		foam from mouth	<i>KO</i>
yi					
nintochirga	nintochi	n.		a squirt of saliva.	
	rsi				
nintogbali	nintogba	n.		slobber; saliva drooling down.	
	ya				
nintokom	nintoko	n.		saliva from the corners of the mouth.	
	ma				
nintori		n.		1. saliva 2. tuhi nintori . to spit.	
nintuanintu		n.		ring	<i>KO</i>
hi					
ninvuy		n.		-person (used in <i>ad hoc</i> compounds - <i>see nin-</i>)	AJN entry : <i>see ninsala, nira</i>
ninvuyfabo		n.		robbing people; dishonesty	<i>KO</i>
ninvuykura	ninvuyk	n.		a murderer.	
	urba				
ninvuysun	ninvuysu	n.		good person; saint	<i>KO</i>
	ma				
ninvuyu		n.		person (used only with qualifying adjectives, sometimes forming compound words)	[ninvuykura , a murderer; ninvuysun , a light-coloured person.]
ninvuyshee	ninvuyshe	n.		light-coloured person.	
	hi				
ninzeensi		n.		disrespect. (<i>vide zeensi</i>).	
niŋ		v.		1. to do 2. to perform 3. to make 4. zaŋ niŋ , to put into 5. an auxiliary verb used with certain abstract nouns to form verbal phrases:	bo n niŋ 'why (stress); what happened?' (bo) imperfective niŋdi, niŋda niŋ alibarika niŋ 'to bless' tuuba niŋbu 'conversion' (see tuuba) <i>KO</i>
				1. eyebrow 2. neuralgia of the eyebrows. bone under the eyebrow.	

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li	kuya				
niŋgbuŋ	niŋgbina	n.		body.	
niŋgbuŋ		n.		fever; sickness ‘body hotness’	KO
biisim					
niŋkayu	niŋkari	n.		eyelash.	
niŋkatirsi		n.		a disease of the eye-lashes; Trichiasis.	
niŋkunsi		n.		1. heartlessness 2. cruelty 3. murder.	
niŋkurgu	niŋkura	n.		an aged person.	
niŋkurlim	ninkurli m	n.		old age	KO
niŋkpeensi		n.		1. insolence 2. forwardness 3. mali niŋkpeensi , to be insolent.	
niŋsim		n.		ability, activity	KO
nira	nirba	n.		1. a person (pl. = people) 2. o nyela nira , He is a good person.	see ninsala , ninvuy' , nin-
nirlim		n.		kindness.	
niya		n.		effort; purpose; intention	KO AJN entry : also aniya , nia <Hausa
no -ra		v.		1. to tread upon 2. to trample.	
nobila	nobihi	n.		chick	KO
nobilinini	noblinin a	n.		a shrub bearing edible berries.	see no'onini ?
nobiltuŋ	nobiltun a	n.	da	a newly-hatched chicken.	
nobindi	nobina	n.		guano, chicken manure	KO
nóchérংga	nóchérংsì	n.	s	small snake which bites chickens. ? Blanding's tree snake	
nóchérংga	nóchérংsì	n.	i	fowl tick	
nochicheraga	nochiche rsi	n.	da	a speckled fowl.	
nodeebu		n.		obedience	KO ‘accepting the command’ noli (q.v.) + deei
nogalli		n.		hen's ('fowl's' Gh.) egg	KO
nokobga		n.		chicken-feather	KO
noli		adv.		completely	KO
nólî	nóyâ	n.		1. mouth 2. muzzle (of animal) 3. beak (of bird). 4. yeli noli , to curse	used in idioms for a person's firm 'word' as a settled promise or command, curse, etc.; opinion, view in a (potential) dispute is nangbani q.v teeku noli 'edge, brink of the sea; coast' KO
noloyu	nolori	n.		cock	KO noloyu kukoli 'cock crow' cf./ct. nangbantoy'u ,
nolori		n.		fasting.	= Ramadan
Nolori Goli		p.n.		9th. month of the Dagomba year, the fasting month.	

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Nolori-bilaa		p.n.		8th. month of the Dagomba year, (before Nolori).	
nom		n.		sticky excrement of a newly-born child.	
nona	nonsi	n.		scorpion.	
noni		v.		to be possible; to be done, (ED).	
noni		v.		to thrive; to ?????. ()	nani , WD
nonyan	nonyam	n.		hen	<i>KO</i>
	a				
noo	nohi	n.		fowl;	noloyu , masc. form. see no'blinini , no'onini ?
noombilnini					
nooŋa	noonsi	n.		bird (generic)	
noonini	noonina	n.		a shrub bearing edible berries.	= no'blinini ?
nooyuni		n.		lice on fowls.	
norli	nora	n.		1. a boil, sore, carbuncle 2. anthrax, a very serious boil, usually in animals.	
norpielli	norpiela	n.		a boil.	
nosaa	nosahi	n.		pullet.	
nosali	nosaya	n.		an earthen pot used to water chickens, or, to hatch chickens.	
nosuyu	nosuyri	n.		hen coop.	
nosuyudach	nosuyud	n.		the smallest chick of a hatching.	
ee	achehi				
notili	notiya	n.		(WD). a black and white fowl. (notuli , ED).	
notuli	notuya	n.		(ED). a black and white fowl. (notili , WD).	
noyelli	noyela	n.		(WD). a maggot. (noyelli , ED).	
noyoli	noyoya	n.		two-or-more-coloured fowl.	
noyoli	noyola	n.		(ED). a maggot. (noyelli , WD).	
nozaȳsibu		n.		disobedience	<i>KO noli</i> (see note) + zayı̄s + nom.sx.
nti		conj.		and	<i>KO fulfilled intention</i> ‘in order to .. (and did)’
nubila	nubihi	n.		finger.	
nubilkpalin	nubilkpa	n.		the little finger.	
ga	linsi				
nubilloyu	nubillori	n.		the thumb.	
nuchee	nuchehi	n.		the wrist.	
nudirgu	nudirti	n.		the right hand.	
nuysø	nuysoni	n.		a blue dye made from a small, cultivated indigo plant.	
	ma				
nuysø	nuysoni	a.		blue colour.	
	ma				
numaha	numaha	n.		1. a pilferer	
	ba			2. Idiom: one with ‘itchy palms.	
numahalan		n.		thief	<i>KO</i>
a					

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numbo	numboni	n.		a monstrosity. (also zinani).	see next
	ma				
numbu	numbuni	n.		a monstrosity. (also zinani).	see prev.
	ma				
nuntua	nuntuhi	n.		a finger ring.	
nupuyu	nupuri	n.		1. acclamation of men, by clapping the hands 2. the intermittent clapping when addressing a fetish.	
nupuni		n.		the palm of the hand.	
nusurigu	nusuriti	n.		glove	<i>KO</i>
nutali	nutaya	n.		the palm of the hand.	
nuu	nuhi	n.		1. hand 2. upper limb; arm; 3. forelimb 4. (elephant's) trunk 5. Naawuni nubila , the forefinger.	names of other fingers, etc. appear in alphabetical order. nuu baŋsim ‘art, craft’ (cunning of hand)
nuyelli		n.		back of hand	<i>KO</i>
nuzaa	nuzahi	n.		left hand.	
nuzanya		n.		empty hand(edness), nothing	<i>KO</i>

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nya	-ra	v.	1. to see 2. to look 3. to earn; to obtain 4. concern;	used idiomatically and impersonally: [Di bi nya ma . It does not concern me.]
nya		v.	be	<i>KO</i> = nye q.v. note
nya		v.	see; ‘behold’, here/there it is, ‘voilà’ ; earn, get; find; beget	<i>KO</i> I think the ‘behold’ sense has a nasal prefix - nya : tuui nya ‘discover’ ‘be.first to.find’ vihi nya ‘detect’ ‘investigate and discover’
nyaadua		n.	garden eggs	
nyaandola	nyaando	n.	1. a follower	
	liba		2. a disciple.	
nyaanzaana		n.	supporter	<i>KO</i> ‘back-stander’
nyaanzum		n.	back-biting.	
nyaanja	nyaansi	n.	1. back; 2. zu nyaanja , to speak behind a person's back. (also ‘yaanja’). 3. followers (en masse), descendants (<i>KO</i>)	noun used in relational senses: labsi nyaanja ‘demote’, retard nyaanja labsibu ‘retardation’ 'returning back' <i>KO</i>
nyaanja		adv .	1. at the back 2. behind 3. after, positionally 4. after (actually, ‘in the future’ in relation to time) 5hereafter 6. afterwards 7. backward	(sometimes one hears ‘nyaanja’).

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nyayi -ra		v.		8. in the absence of. 1. to hang on the shoulder 2. to put forth the cob on growing corn.	
nyayim -nda		v.		1. to be besmeared 2. to jabber.	
nyayli	nyaya	n.		root.	
nyayli -nda		v.		to tickle.	
nyayligu		n.		tickling.	
nyaysa		a.		1. to be palatable 2. to be pleasant (of anything).	[Gh.E ‘sweet’] may be sweet, sugary (but see malisa , mal'sa), but much wider; ‘nice’, esp. taste (<i>cf. viela</i>); interesting, fun, desirable in whatever sense is appropriate
					<i>KO</i>
nyaysi -ra		v.		1. to flash 2. to glitter 3. to dazzle.	
nyaysim		n.		1. pleasure 2. pleasant taste 3. wum nyaysim , to be pleased 4. mij nyaysim , to give pleasure.	di nyaysim ‘enjoy’ :
nyaysili	nyaysa	a.		sweet.	
nyahi -ra		v.		to taste and try.	
nyahi		v.		tell a parable	<i>KO</i>
nyalfu	nyili	n.		a guinea worm.	<i>see also nyerifu</i>
nyam -da		v.		to set the teeth on edge (the reaction to things sour or to certain sounds).	
nyam		n.		clean, cleanliness	<i>KO</i>
nyamm		adv.		1. quietly 2. softly.	
nyamma		n.		1. easy gain 2. easily acquired wealth.	
nyamnyam		adv.		quickly	<i>KO</i>
nyan -da		v.		1. to defeat, overcome 2. be too much for (<i>e.g.</i> be too expensive for..) 3. to be able (esp. in past - see tooi) 4. to be fit to do 5. to earn 6. to be worthy of 7. to be (in the sense of possessing the character of); female (animal)	
					O nyan doo. He is a good man. Naawuni Yuli nyan kasi. God’s name is hallowed (holy).]
nyan		a.		overcoming; victory	<i>KO</i>
nyanbu		v.		1. the symptoms of guinea worm	<i>KO</i>
nyarbindi		n.		2. the rash that comes before the worm appears.	

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nyè	nyela	v.		to be. ‘nye la’ is the form used except when the subject and the verb are inverted (<i>see la</i>):	(a copulative verb, not meaning, ‘to exist’ - <i>see be</i>). [O nyela bia. Bia nye o. He is a child.]
nye -ra		v.		1. to lay eggs 2. to defecate. 3. to make tubers (yams &c.)	gala nyebu laying eggs <i>KO</i>
nyebga	nyebsi	n.		crocodile.	
nyebi -ra		v.		to have sexual intercourse with.	
nyebila		n.		small child whose mother has given birth	<i>KO</i>
nyebli		n.		sexual intercourse.	
nyebli	nyeba	n.		foundation.	
nyee	nyehi	n.		nose.	nyee n nyoni ‘be fed up’: ? what is nyoni ?? (not entered) <i>KO</i>
nyee	nyehi	n.		children born closely together, by the same mother.	(Because of this custom, this was not considered an honourable practice among the Dagomba people). nyeei woligu ‘wipe sweat’ <i>KO</i>
nyeei -ra		v.		1. to brush past 2. scrape clear; wipe 3. to pull down from above, remove sth. from roof 4. to come out 5. to shine (of the sun only).	
nyefiti		n.		a thick haze, during the harmattan.	
nyehi		v.		delete; wipe out	<i>KO</i>
nyel(i)si		v.		melt	<i>KO</i>
nyelgi -ra		v.		1. to melt 2. to become liquid.	
nyeli	nyeya	n.		a full brother, next in order of age.	sibling of same sex
nyeli -nda		v.		to push something up into something.	
nyelimoyu		n.		a steam bath.	
nyelsi -ra		v.		1. to shine; (of brass, etc.) 2. to reflect 3. to dazzle.	
nyem	nyema	n.		semen; sperm.	
nyemannye		n.		groceries, assorted stuff	<i>KO</i>
ma					
nyemanyem		n.		grocer; general store keeper	<i>KO</i>
alana					
nyemari		n.		nasal mucus.	
nyenkpealing	nyenkpa	n.		yam cultivar	
a	linsi				
nyenyonigu		n.		1. worrisome 2. troublesome 3. cumbersome.	
nyergi -ra		v.		1. to be on bad terms with 2. to be at variance with.	
nyeri		v.		crawl	<i>KO</i>

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nyerifunyiy a		n.		guinea-worm	<i>KO see also</i>
nyerkobga	nyerkob si	n.		a plant with many bulbs. It is used as an aphrodisiac.	
nyeshia	nyeshihi	n.		nasal septum	cartilage, the soft bone between the nostrils.
nyevili	nyeviya	n.		life.	
nyevilpohili	nyevilpo ha	n.		a plant with smaller leaves resembling the ?? whistle plant.	
nyevoli	nyevoya	n.		nostril.	
nyeyaba	nyeyabni ma	n.		water bird.	
nyi -ra		v.		1. to take a small amount of 2. to speak roughly to.	
nyihi -ra		v.		1. to inform 2. to reveal a secret 3. nyihi tekum , to inform against.	
nyii		v.		bite (off)	<i>KO</i>
nyili		v.		appear partially	<i>KO</i>
nyimsi		n.		the neem tree.	
nyimsi -ra		v.		1. to pick at 2. to pick tiny pieces off something 3. to warn of some mishap 4. to cut into small bits.	
nyimsigu	nyimsa	n.		a warning of a mishap.	
nyimsili	nyimsa	n.		lemon, lime	<i>KO</i>
nyina pihita		n.		horse's own mouth ?? 'thirty teeth'	<i>KO</i>
nyinbayu	nyinbayr i	n.		a molar tooth.	
nyindaa	nyindahi	n.		1. a tusk (of bush pig, hippopotamus, elephant) 2. the tooth of a horse, by which its age is determined.	
nyingobaa	nyingob ahi	n.		the nape of the neck.	
nyingokorg a	nyingok orsi	n.		1. an ornament of the neck 2. necklace.	
nyingoli	nyingok orsi	n.		1. an ornament of the neck 2. necklace.	
nyingoli	nyingoya	n.		1. neck 2. the nape of the neck.	
nyingosima		n.		rheumatism of the neck.	
nyini	nyina	n.		a tooth.	
nyini		pron.		2nd person, singular, emphatic form. 'you'.	
nyinnyima		n.		sickness that eats up the upper lip, leaving the teeth bare, so that the person seems to be always laughing	Proverb: Nyinnyimalan' nimmoo dali kom dir' o mi ka be yel' n' o yaa larmi . The person suffering from the sickness that eats away the upper lip is serious, he will

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nyintaa	nyintahi	n.		a co-wife, in the same house.	drown and people will say that he is laughing. [Gh.E ‘rival’]
nyintahili		n.		‘rival’ry	<i>KO</i> (see nyintaa)
nyinvoyü		n.		toothache ‘tooth-hole’	<i>KO</i>
nyin yam		n.p.		gap between two main teeth	<i>KO</i>
nyinyieyü	nyinyieri	n.		1. a fingernail 2. a claw.	also nyinyayü <i>KO</i>
nyinzua	nyinzuhı	n.		1. a front, milk-tooth 2. a tooth which replaces a milk-tooth.	
nyirga	nyirsi	n.		the vagina.	check! [TN] MP = ‘arse hole’: see also nyirvoyü ; also used in abuse - A nyiriga! : euphemism gbinvoyü ‘bottom-hole’ <i>KO</i>
nyiringa	nyirinsi	a.		1. tiny 2. very small.	
nyirvoyü	nyirvari	n.		1. the rectum 2. anus.	pl. or nyirivori <i>KO</i>
nyo	-ra	v.		1. to burn with fire 2. to light a fire or lamp.	
nyo		v.		1. to stink 2. to smell offensively.	
nyoyi -ra		v.		1. to hit the mark (in shooting) 2. to carry in the arms (as a small child) 3. to contract disease 4. to seize hold of.	
nyoyu	nyori	n.		the chest (part of the body).	ŋme nyoyu ‘boast’
nyoyu		n.p.		boasting’ ‘pounding ones chest	
ŋmebu					
nyoyu	nyori	n.		intestine.	
nyodali	nyodaya	n.		shrub.	
nyohi		n.		smoke.	
nyohim -		v.		1. to smell an odour 2. to hint.	
nda					
nyolinga	nyolinsi	n.		a pebble.	
nyom	nyoma	n.		1. scent 2. the scent of anything; stench.	
nyomsli	nyomsa	n.		lime fruit.	
nyomuylı	nyomuylı	n.		asthma.	
a					
nyoni	-nda	v.		1. stink 2. to be enraged 3. nyee nyoni , to be weary of; to be fed up with.	
nyonjinli	nyonjilim	n.		bare chest	<i>KO</i>
a					
nyonli	nyonjma	n.		vole	<i>KO</i>
nyonni		n.		forest; Southern Ghana	<i>KO</i>
nyonyongu		n.		boredom	<i>KO cf. nyee nyoni</i>
nyoo	nyohi	n.	t	tree	<i>Daniellia Olivera.</i>

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nyori		n.		1. gain 2. profit 3. di nyori , to gain.	
nyu	-ra	v.		1. to drink 2. an auxiliary verb:	nyu dam buyi ‘get drunk’ ‘drink liquor get.drunk’
nyu bara		n.p.		to boast	
nyu fahiru		n.p.		to defy	
nyu kom		n.p.		to drink water	drink up (all the) water, dehydrate (or is this a mistake for nyuui q.v. ??); receive drink of water as a welcome; celebrate the end of Ramadhan
nyùbìrlì	nyùbìrà	n.	y	seed yam, sett	
nyùbùyrì	—	n.	y	plaited ring of leaves placed around a yam-mound to ‘cool down’ the tuber	
nyuṣu	nyuri	n.		1. the umbilical cord 2. a large, protruding navel.	
nyugbuŋ	nyugbun	n.		green yam vines (also ‘nyukpuŋ’).	
nyuhi -ra		v.		1. to aid to drink 2. to force someone to drink 3. to dish out heavy gruel rice from the cooking pot.	
nyujebierig		n.		mashed yam	<i>KO</i>
u					
nyukpaa	nyukpah	n.		an ordinary navel.	
nyukpuŋ	nyukpun	n.		green yam vines	(also nyugbun).
Nyúlámá		p.n.		ceremony to mark the uprooting of the first yam of the new season	et. ‘yam + eat first fruits’
nyuli	nyuya	n.		jealousy, envy	zabi nyuli , to be jealous of; to envy.
nyuli	nyuya	n.		yam (general term)	
nyulinyua	nyulinyu	n.		1. a fragrant plant used to relieve headaches	wild mint [T.N.]
	hi			2. when burned, it becomes a mosquito repellent.	
nyùsàyù	nyùsàṛi	n.	y	yam stick.	
nyusoli	nyusoya	n.	y	yam cultivar	
nyutam	nyutama	n.	y	soil good for a yam farm.	et. ‘yam + land’
nyuui -ra		v.		1. to dry up 2. to lose flesh.	
nyuwoŋu	nyuwari	n.		water-yam	
nyuwoŋpiell	nyuwoŋpiell	n.		water-yam cultivar	
i	iela				

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ŋ					
ŋa ŋani		pron.		1. subst. pron. ‘that’, (several things); those 2. relative pronoun, ‘which’. N.B. Both are old forms fast becoming obsolete.	
ŋaysi -ra		v.		1. to elbow one's way 2. to wedge into (as into wood).	
ŋahaba	ŋahaban	n.		mother's brother.	
ŋahaba	ima				
ŋahi -ra		v.		1. to utter a proverb 2. quarter a dead animal 3. to break branches of a tree 4. to harvest maize or tobacco 5. to interrupt, in anger 6. to erode; to wear away a channel; to make a rut.	
ŋahili	ŋaha	n.		1. a proverb 2. a parable.	
ŋahili	ŋaha	a.		proverbial; <i>yeltoy' ŋahili</i> , a proverbial saying.	
ŋahingga	ŋahinsi	n.		a sister's child.	
ŋam		n.		a hardening solution for floors and walls.	
ŋam -da		v.		to be covered with blood (as from an accident or a fight).	
ŋamli	ŋama	n.		1. hippopotamus 2. a temporary irritation of the skin.	
ŋampoo	ŋampohi	n.		a tree with a light bark.	
ŋamzim		n.		certain liquid	<i>KO</i> prob. red liquid from soaking tree-bark used for burnishing floors (<i>see ŋam</i>)
ŋarga	ŋarsi	n.		virgin land.	
ŋari -ta		v.		1. to fill up a hole 2. to plug 3. to close (as of roads) 4. to deceive 5. to groan.	
ŋariga		n.		exploitation	<i>KO</i>
ŋarinli	ŋarima	n.		the fruit of the tree called ‘ŋaringa’.	
ŋaringa	ŋarinsi	n.	t	1. ‘black-berry’ tree 2. its berries.	<i>cf. ŋa'rini</i>
ŋaringa	ŋarinsi	n.	t	<i>Vitex doniana</i>	
ŋaron	ŋarima	n.		1. a canoe 2. a boat 3. a ship.	
ŋaronpee	ŋaronpe	n.		1. a paddle	
hi				2. an oar.	
ŋaronkpoy	ŋaronkp	n.		1. a paddle	? < -poyu [T.N.]
u	ori			2. an oar.	

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ŋo		adv.		1. so 2. in this manner 3. by this time.	
ŋŋoiya		excl.		an interjection used to secure attention, so as to say something;	Its meaning is , ‘Excuse me, I mean to say’.
ŋo		dem.		1. this 2. ŋona, this place, hither, here.	
ŋo ha		dem.		this, that place	
ŋo sa		dem.		this, that place	
ŋo	-ra	v.		1. to cure meat 2. to smoke fish.	
ŋoyu	ŋori	n.		mongoose	
ŋoyu	ŋora	n.		bamboo (WD). (ŋorgu, ED).	ŋowu / ŋori KO
ŋohi		v.		remove from bunch/bundle	KO
ŋohigi -ra		v.		1. to be tired 2. to be absent from 3. to come up (of phlegm).	
ŋoli	ŋoya	a		sterile (of animals).	
ŋolim -nda		v.		to be excessively fat (of sterile animals).	
ŋolio		pron.		emphatic form of ‘ŋo’.	
ŋon -da		v.		to draw water.	
ŋonli	ŋona	n.		grass cutter, ‘cutting grass’, cane rat (large rodent)	Thryonomus sp. related to porcupine
ŋonsuri	ŋonsura	n.		a shrub; the leaves of which are used as medicine for diarrhoea.	
ŋoo	ŋohi	a		sterile (of humans).	
ŋooi -ra		v.		1. to pull out 2. to draw water from a hole 3. to unsheathe; to draw a sword 4. to extract (as a thorn or splinter).	
ŋorgu	ŋora	n.		bamboo (ED). (ŋoyu, WD).	
ŋori -ta		v.		to knead.	
ŋubi -ra		v.		1. to chew, masticate 4. to eat things that require chewing or mastication (meat, bread, rice, yam .) 4. to decompose 5. to destroy the soul of (said to be the work of witches).	
ŋubira	ŋubirba	n.		1. eater 2. devourer.	
ŋuhı -ra		v.		to groan, sigh.	
ŋuhum		v.		1. to rot 2. to undergo decay by putrefaction.	
ŋum		v.		grumble	KO
ŋumaŋuma		n.		1. whispering 2. murmuring	

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ŋun		pron.		3. grumbling 4. gossiping. he/she	
ŋun(i)		pron.		'he/she who...'. 3rd pers. pron. sing. emphatic	
ŋuna		pron.		form, he/she	short form of emphatic pronoun, 'ŋuna'
ŋuni		pron.		interrogative pronoun, 'who'?	
ŋuni	-da	v.		1. to hide 2. to sit on eggs (as bird).	settle down, bend down <i>KO</i>
ŋunkam		pron.		whoever; everyone who	<i>KO</i>

ŋM

ŋma	-ra	v.		1. to break (of glass or crockery) 2. to burst 3. to cut a tree, hack	
ŋma n ti		v.p.		dedicate	
ŋma zuyu		v.p.		behead	? < ma'ai [T.N.]
ŋma ʒiri		v.p.		to lie; to tell a lie	
ŋma ʒiri pa,		v.p.		to tell lies against	
ŋmaa	ŋmahi	a.		short.	
ŋmaa		a.		piece of	<i>KO</i> (compounding noun)
ŋmaai -ra		v.		1. to fell a tree 2. to cut off 3. to saw off.	
ŋmaaŋa	ŋmaansi	n.		red monkey	<i>Patas patas</i> also janya
ŋmaanchee	ŋmaanc	n.		small bird which follows monkeys.	
	hehi		t	edible berries like the 'sinsabga'.	
ŋmaaŋa	ŋmaaŋa	n.			
sinsabga	sinsabsi				
ŋmabi	-ra	v.		1. to hold under the arm 2. to steal (idiomatic).	
ŋmayi	-ra	v.		1. to make rope 2. to dodge 3. to trick;	[O ŋmayi ma mi. He tricked me.]
ŋmayu		n.		sore in vagina due to birth	<i>KO</i> see ŋmoy'u
ŋmahi	-ra	v.		1. to cut into pieces 2. to slice.	
ŋmahim	-nda	v.		to massage with the hands.	
ŋmahindi		v.		likening sth. to another thing	<i>KO</i> prob. impf. of ŋmahim
ŋmalgi	-ra	v.		1. to turn 2. to return.	
ŋmali	ŋmaya	v.		1. a likeness, resemblance 2. sample <i>KO</i> 3. a type.	
ŋmali		n.	d	skin rash	see ŋmanzuyula'a
ŋmampilli		p.n.		Mampruli language	<i>KO</i>
ŋmampirgu		p.n.		Mamprusi land	<i>KO</i>
ŋmampriga	ŋmampr isi	p.n.		Mamprusi person	<i>KO</i>
ŋmanamga	ŋmanam	n.	j	coral bead.	

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	si				
ŋmanchee		n.	sh	small shrub.	
ŋmancheyu	ŋmanche ri	n.	go	broken calabash, calabash shard	KO
ŋmani	ŋmana	n.	b	pigeon, dove (domestic, or general).	
ŋmani	ŋmana	n.		calabash bowl, calabash utensil (generic).	
ŋmani		v.		1. to resemble 2. to be like.	
ŋmanmabih ili	ŋmanma biha	n.	h	medicinal plant, containing a white fluid.	
ŋmansulga	ŋmansul si	n.	m	black monkey.	
ŋmanzuyul aa	ŋmanzu yulahi	n.	h	a plant used as an herb to cure skin rash called ‘ŋmali’.	I have inserted entry for ŋmali
ŋmaŋ	ŋmama	a.		broken	KO
ŋmaŋgbaa	ŋmaŋgb ahi	n.	go	calabash dipper.	
ŋmarga	ŋmaŋgb ahi	n.	go	calabash dipper.	??? see prev./next
ŋmarga	ŋmarsi	n.		1. moon 2. a month.	
ŋmeli	ŋmenda	v.		1. to twist. to strangle 3. to screw up.	
ŋmeliŋmee	ŋmeliŋm ehi	n.		small bird in the bush with very short legs	Proverb: ŋmeliŋmee nya bee ya n-nor' tandi? Where has the ŋmeliŋmee bird got the legs needed to pound building earth?
ŋmeliŋmee	ŋmeliŋm ehi	n.		flower.	
ŋme	-ra	v.		1. to hit; to strike 2. to beat 3. to ring (obj. bell, iron); play (drum, fiddle)	nyoyu ŋmebu ‘boasting’ ‘pounding ones chest’ also ŋme the thing shot
ŋme anfoni		v.p.		to take a photograph	
ŋme		v.p.		to beat the war alarm	
fanfantua					
ŋme kari		v.p.		overthrow	
ŋme kuja		v.p.		complain	
ŋme malfa		v.p.		to shoot a gun	
ŋme		v.p.		to dispute, to argue	
nangbaŋkp eeni					
ŋme napoŋ		v.p.		pace out’ (measure a distance)	
ŋme nyoyu		v.p.		boast	
ŋme pohim		v.p.		relax	
ŋme wurim		v.p.		devastate	
ŋmelim	-nda	v.		1. to grow fat 2. to become powerful.	
ŋmem		v.		press against the palm	KO
ŋmenditoli		n.		mugger, robber	KO
ŋmoyu	ŋmoyri	n.		a tear of tissues due to childbirth.	see ŋmayu

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ŋmoŋ <i>or</i> ŋmana	ŋmandi	n.		a large calabash.	
ŋmuriги		v.		fracture	KO
O					
o		pron.		3rd pers. sing. pron. com. gen., nom., obj. and poss. cases. he, she; him, her; his, her.	
o		pron.		3rd pers. sing. pron. neuter gen. nom. and obj. cases.	'it' (when referring to elements; nature, sun, moon, stars, etc., etc.).
oho ohoo		excl.		exclamation of surprise exclamation meaning, 'I don't care!'. exclamation meaning, 'That's your look-out. I don't care!'. herself/himself	
ohoronio		excl.			
omaŋmaŋa		pron.			KO
P					
pa		v.		1. to put on top of 2. to be upon (said of things which lie flat) 3. to come next after 5. 7. give extra name, nickname (see yupaa)	noya pa taba 'be united' 'mouths put next to each other' KO
pa talma pá'		v.p.		to pawn	
		v.		to not be	
pa		adv.		an adverbial particle expressing some form of negation or doubt: not (?) special use of verb - next?)	negative of bè for manner and nyè for things. di pa la amii 'without doubt' pa lala , not so. pa ni , not for; had it not been: Pa ni a zuyu be bi nan ku che
pa		adv.		just now (past) (from 'yipa')	o. Had it not been for you he would have been set free Di pa sheli , perhaps. KO KO pa zuŋo pa soha 'for a long time' 'not today not tomorrow':
paa	pahi	n.		1. worker 2. bu paa , to hire someone.	
paabi paai	-ra	n.		vacation	KO
		v.		1. to arrive 2. to arrive at 3. to reach 4. to attain to (in size or equality) 5. to remove. (A bird from a	paabu shee 'destination'

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paai tariga		v.p.		//).	
paalana	paanima	n.		'be very much; too much'	
paandochiri	paandoc	n.		'reach extremity' <i>KO</i>	
gu	hiriti			employer; one who hires.	
paani	paannim a	n.		earwig	<i>KO</i> lit. 'brother-in-law of cricket' <i>see pandachir'ga</i> ~ of chief?
paania	paansi	n.		the senior wife.	
paanu		n.		big needle for sewing sacks	<i>KO</i>
paanja	paansi	n.		bread (loan)	<i>KO</i>
pabigi		v.		a large cricket.	
padira	padiriba	n.		faint	<i>KO</i>
pagorli	pagora	n.		hired labourer	<i>KO see paa</i>
pagorlim		n.		promiscuous, adulterous	
pagorsigu		n.		woman; prostitute, concubine	
paya	payaba	n.		prostitution.	
payaba		n.		prostitution.	
payborliyri		n.		1. a woman	
				2. a wife	
				3. an epithet for grandmother.	
				bride price	
payadoysa	payadoy sanima	n.		a woman who has just given birth. (ED).	
payadoysos	payadoy sonima	n.		a woman who has just given birth. (WD).	
payadoysat	payadoy oyinda	n.		a midwife.	
ba					
payajoo	payaŋoh i	n.		a barren woman.	
paypielga	paypielsi	n.		virgin	<i>KO</i> probably a Christian invention
paypuulana		n.		pregnant woman	<i>KO</i>
paysarbila	paysarbi hi	n.		young woman	<i>KO</i>
paysardoyi m		n.		birth of woman's first child; woman's firstborn	<i>KO</i>
payasarli	payasara	n.		1. a maiden, damsel	: root -saa- means 'female not yet having given birth' e.g.
paysariga				2. a nubile girl, unmarried or not yet having had a child	<i>naysaa</i> 'heifer'
paytali		n.		womanhood	<i>KO</i>
paya-vielli- ku-shihi- kom		n.p.		marsh lily	<i>KO</i> 'pretty lady who won't touch the water'
payawayini	payaway ina	n.		a woman without any responsibility for a husband or a child.	
payyihiŋ	payyihi ma	n.		divorced woman	<i>KO</i>
payazilnli	payazili	n.		a woman without a husband; a	

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payazortant	ma			spinster or a divorced woman.	
ulim-	payazor	n.		a large harmless spider that runs with great speed,	'running-spider', solifuge
	tantulim			searching for insects at night.	
payi -ra		v.		1. to wash anything 2. to praise 3. to thank 4. to be pleased with 5. to presume 6. to set a fowl 7. to shut up in a room. 8. Idiomatically, to die.	
paykohingu		n.		tuberculosis; consumption.	O payi Naawuni. He died.
paykpema		n.		elderly woman (polite)	<i>KO</i>
payli	paya	n.		1. fog 2. mist; (also 'gulsgu').	
paypuli	paypuya	n.		pregnancy	<i>KO</i>
payrga	payrsi	n.		a curved dagger used by the Konkomba people.	
payri		n.		1. bark of a tree 2. rind of fruit 3. shell of nut.	<i>see poyu</i>
paypalii	paypaya	n.		virgin.	'new woman' : probably a Christian invention (shd. be 'new(ly married) wife')
pahi -ra		v.		1. to add 2. to increase in number 3. be, do .. in addition 4. pahi zuyu , to help; to assist.	
pahi	-ra (~ mori)	v.		to clear weeds with a hoe.	
pahimpieyu	pahimpi	n.		1. a butterfly	
	eri			2. a moth.	
pakoli	pakoya	n.		a widow.	
pakolzande	pakolzan	n.		yam cultivar	
e	dehi				
pakurgu	pakura	n.		old woman,	'like witch, hag' <i>KO</i>
pakpoŋ	pakpondi	n.		a first-born daughter.	
pakurgunyi	pakurgu	n.		a prickly shrub, bearing three-pronged thorns.	
ndaa	nyindahi	n.			
palga	palsi	n.		a shrub used to make lineament.	
palga		n.		the under part of an animal.	
palgi	-ra	v.		1. to whiten 2. to whitewash	<i>KO</i> palgi suhu 'make happy'
				3. to have grey hair	<i>KO</i>
palgi daanja		v.p.		'warm the home' 'whiten the hearth' : may be an idiomatic sense	
palgi suhu		v.p.		to be delighted at something; to be pleased.	
pali	pana	v.		1. to fill up	

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				2. to be full 3. to fulfil 4. to be true.	nij pali ‘fulfil’ di paliya ‘it is true’ <i>KO</i>
palli	pala	n.		1. a big road 2. a street.	
palli	pala	a.		1. new 2. young.	
pallturo		n.		petrol filling station	<i>KO</i> (Engl. ‘petrol’+’Shell’)
sheli					
paldaa	paldahi	n.		major street, highway	<i>KO</i>
palo		a.		1. new 2. young (persons)	naa palo , the new chief.
palo		n.		1. space 2. way 3. open space 4. yi palo , to become public 5.,,	
palo ni		n.p.		in public	
pàlóli	pàlóyá	n.		toad.	
pam -da		v.		1. to dress the hair 2. to weave mats 3. to plait rope.	
pam		adv.		abundantly; very; very much; exceedingly; many	
pandachirg a	pandach irsi	n.		a small cricket.	<i>see paandochirigu</i>
pani	pana	n.		vagina, vulva.	
paŋ	-da	v.		1. to lend 2. to borrow.	che paŋ ‘forgive’ (lit. ‘leave (and) lend’) <i>KO</i>
paŋ		v.		to decompose	<i>KO</i>
parante		n.		plate	<i>KO</i> (Eng. via ? Fanti) some English words have passed through some southern language which has no -l- and substitutes -r- cf. piriŋga
parapito		excl.		an expression of contempt.	
paratete		adv.		immaculate white	<i>KO</i> also fara...
parawa	parawan ima	n.		swelling in the groin.	
pargi	-ra	v.		1. to cause to fail 2. to fail to do. (<i>vide pihigi</i>).	
pari	-ta	v.		to scratch the ground (with nails or claws).	
pariga	parisi	a.		extraordinary	<i>KO</i>
pariŋga	parinsí	n.	mi	a kind of stringed instrument.	
parlani	parlana	a.		flat.	
parsi -ra		v.		to touch one with the fingers to call attention to something.	‘stab somebody’ <i>KO</i>
paruŋnutali	paruŋnu taya	n.		a medicinal grass used for horses.	
pasua		n.		three half-pence.	archaic
pateesa		n.		curtain	<i>KO</i>
paturo		n.		petrol, gasoline	<English
pati		a.		flat.	
paya		n.		avocado (-pear)	<English ‘pear’

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payapaya		adv.		describes many different objects	
pe		v.		line up	<i>KO</i> also pie and see pie – I suspect all these pe/pie/pie ‘contrasts’ are spurious
pe (sima)		v.		harvest (groundnuts)	<i>KO</i>
peefu	peefuni	n.		civet cat.	? sg. peefu and = ‘genet’ ? : cf. peenyu'a
pee	ma	v.		1. to have in front of 2. to place someone in the lead.	pee bahi tooni let someone else lead <i>KO</i>
pee	-ra	v.		brighten like the moon	<i>KO</i>
peenyua	peenyuhi	n.		civet cat.	
peeto	peetoni	n.		shorts (under-shorts).	< English ‘pants’
pehi	ma	v.		1. to peel 2. to consult a soothsayer.	
pehili	-ra	v.		Frafra potatoes.	
peli		v.		hunt for sport or pleasure	<i>KO</i>
pensili		n.		pencil	<English
petepete		n.	fo	mashed yam	<i>KO</i>
pìnì	pìnà	n.	ag	yam mound	
pi	-ra	v.		1. to bury (an object -see soyi) 2. to hide in the ground 3. to bury animals.	
pia	pihi	n.		flat-top house.	
pia		num.		ten	
pibrgu	pibrsi	n.		a raffia work-basket of various colours.	
pie -ra		v.		1. to dig out (groundnuts, etc.) 2. to stand in line 3. to escort 4. pie bihim , to milk.	
pie		a.		other	<i>KO</i>
piebi -ra		v.		1. to blow a wind instrument 2. to ////.	
piebu		n.		1. an escort 2. the followers of a chief.	
pieyu	pieri	n.		sheep;	masc. form: pielaa .
pieyu	pieri	n.		a basket.	
piegula		n.		shepherd, sheep watcher	<i>KO</i>
piehi		v.		peel	<i>KO</i>
piekpara	piekpari	n.		shepherd boy	<i>KO</i>
piela	ba	v.		to be white.	
pielga	pielsi	a		white;	(Note: the adjective class should agree with the noun and therefore can change.).
pielgu	pielsi	a		white;	(Note: the adjective class should agree with the noun and therefore can change,).
pieli		n.		a community hunt.	
pielli	piela	n.		a white horse.	
pielli	piela	a.		white (<i>vide pielga</i>).	

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piem	piema		n.	an arrow.	
piemkpaa	piemkpa		n.	1. an awl. 2. a screwdriver	tool for stripping corn
hi					
pihi -ra		v.		1. to select 2. to brush; to dust off 3. to pick up 4. to discover a lost article 5. pihi tibli , to have nothing to do with.	
pihigi -ra		v.		1. to cause to fail 2. to fail to do 3. to neglect 4. to postpone. (<i>vide pargi</i>).	
pihim		n.		matters of smell; decay in persons after death	<i>KO</i> I suspect this is a verb 'smell rotten'
pihinahi		n.		card. num. forty.	
pihinii		n.		card. num. eighty.	
pihinu		n.		card. num. fifty.	
pihita		n.		card. num. thirty.	
pihtaayika		num.		28 'thirty, two not.there'	<i>KO</i>
pihtayinika		num.		29 'thirty, one not.there'	<i>KO</i>
pihiyobu		n.		card. num. sixty.	
pihiyopoin		n.		card. num. seventy. (also pihopoin .).	
pihiwai		n.		ard. num. ninety.	
pii -ra		v.		1. to choose (from several things) 2. to select 3. to choose someone.	
pii		adv.		better; improved; (used with niŋ):	O doro maa niŋ o pii. His sickness is a little better.
piibupiibu		n.		election	<i>KO</i>
piili piina		v.		to begin.	pili <i>KO</i>
pilgi -ra		v.		1. to begin 2. to uncover. the beginning.	
pilgu		n.		1. to entirely cover oneself with a cloth	
pili -nda		v.		2. to cover with a lid 3. to roof a building 4. to put on a hat or a cap.	[pɸli]
piliŋ		n.		sharp knife	
pilnli	pilima	n.		1. gizzard 2. pride 3. obstinacy.	<i>KO see pil'uŋ</i>
piluŋ	pillima	n.		a razor.	<i>see piluŋ</i>
pils -ra		v.		1. to make up quantity by adding something different (of liquids) 2. to dilute.	
pils		v.		begin	<i>KO</i>
pimpaga	pimpans	n.		a furrow between the ridges on a farm.	
i					
pinaanahi		num.		14	<i>KO</i>
pinaanu		num.		15	<i>KO</i>

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pinaata		num.		13	<i>KO</i>
pinaayi		num.		12	<i>KO</i>
pinaayobu		num.		16	<i>KO</i>
pinaayopoi		num.		17	<i>KO</i>
n					
pini	pina	n.		1. a present 2. a gift.	ti pini ‘donate’ ‘give gifts’ pini tibu ‘donation’ ‘gift giving’ <i>KO</i>
pini -da		v.		to shave.	
pini	pina	n.		mount, riding horses (?)	<i>KO</i>
pini	pina	n.		mould	<i>KO</i> (? misprint for (yam-) mound?)
piniyini		num.		11	<i>KO</i>
pingaasi		n.		pickaxe (Eng.)	<i>KO</i>
pipia	pipihi	n.		1. a drinking calabash with a lid 2. a cup. (<i>vide jashee</i>).	
pipiyu	pipiri	n.		a calabash with a lid, containing magic material said to produce a wraith of its possessor.	
pirba	pirnima	n..		a father’s sister.	
pirgi -ra		v.		1. to divide 2. to share 3. to take off (ring, glove, shoes, etc.) 4. pirgi nam , to depose a chief.	pirigi tarisi ‘demarcate’: see targa (converse of piri q.v.)
piri -ta		v.		1. to put on; to wear (something fitting extremities - ring, shoes, bangle, etc.) 2. to swell up 3. to pump up, blow up 4. to share; distribute	
pirigli		n.		half.	
pirimpielgu	pirimpie la	n.		a tall grass used for gballa mats.	
piringa	pirinsi	n.		a brother’s child	
piringa	pirinsi	n.		policeman	<i>KO</i> Eng. see parante
pirinqpaŋ	pirinqpa na	n.		spear grass (WD). (pulunqpaŋ , ED).	
pisopoin		num.		70	<i>KO</i>
pishaayika		num.		18 ‘twenty, two not.there’	<i>KO</i>
pishi		card.		twenty.	
pishiyinika		num.		19 (20, one not.there)	<i>KO</i>
piyoli	piyoya	n.		1. a pinnacle 2. a tower 3. a turret.	
piti		v.		be saltless	<i>KO</i> may be an a. bimpiti/bimpira
po -ra		v.		1. to swear 2. po pori , to swear an oath.	

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poyu	poyri		n.	bark (of tree); peel, skin	<i>KO</i> see pay'ri
poyu	pori		n.	1. biting fly 2. Tsetse fly 3. a point in a game, ‘goal’ <i>KO.</i>	
pobi -ra			v.	1. to close (as the eyes) 2. to shut (as a book) 3. to wrap up.	
pobsi -ra			v.	to blow out through the mouth.	
pohi -ra			v.	1. to pick (of fruit or flowers) 2. to test; to prove; to try;	
pohigi -ra			v.	to pick (fruit or vegetables).	
pohim			n.	1. air 2. breeze 3. wind 4. pohim ʒera , the wind is blowing. bad deeds	N ni pohi n ʒuyu sunj. I will try my luck. ŋme pohim ‘relax’ pohim ŋmebu ‘relaxation’ <i>KO</i>
pohim			n.		<i>KO</i> mali pohim , to be mischievous. <i>KO</i>
pohimʒepili	pohimʒe		n.	whirlwind	
ŋga	pilinsi				
poi			adv.	1. first 2. before 3. for the present.	placed at end of clause ‘do .. before, and (finally - naanyi) do ..’
poli	-nda		v.	1. to saturate 2. to spoil 3. to addle (as eggs under a sitting hen).	
polipoli			a.	smooth	<i>KO</i>
polli	pola		a.	young	<i>KO</i> usu. bipolli is a boy just before puberty (bilee > bibila > bipolli > nachimbile > doo)
polo			prep.	1. toward 2. direction of 3. nudirgu polo , right side; nuzaa polo , left side; (also means, to the right hand; to the left hand) 4. zaawuni polo , toward evening.	
polo	polti		n.	area, field, place, plot; vacancy	<i>KO</i>
pololi	poloya		n.	toad	<i>KO</i>
pompi			n.	standpipe (loan); tap; any pipe	<i>KO</i>
pon	pona		n.	raffia dish or mat.	
pon	pona		a	malodorous.	
pon -da			v.	1. to stink 2. nangban pon , the mouth stinks (of bad breath).	
ponli	pon		n.	pound (£)	< English
pono			adv.	1. nowadays 2. now	

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pooi -ra		v.		3. hali ni pojo , until today. 1. to be short of 2. to fall short of 3. to lack 4. to fail 5. to rot 6. to be completely decomposed (as of compost).	
poora		n.		powder (Eng.) - talcum powder, body--	<i>KO</i>
popsi		v.		blow	<i>KO</i>
pora		v.		1. to be little 2. to be small (in size or amount).	
pori		n.		an oath.	pori pobu ‘oath-swearers’
pori		n.		tsetse-fly	<i>KO</i>
pori	-ta	v.		1. to bend 2. to swear an oath.	
porlim		n.		smallness	<i>KO</i>
porlim		n.		smallness	<i>KO</i> also porlim - there is really no o/o contrast!
porsi -ra		v.		1. to change colour (as the chameleon, called gumachuyu) 2. to colour. 1. to lie in heaps 2. to be full to overflowing 3. to be plentiful	
pu		v.		4. pu suhu , to guess. pregnancy of women. saddle girth (WD); (kubobga , ED).	
pua	puhi	n.		constipation.	
pubobga	pubobsi	n.		1. to form into a ball 2. to prepare a medicinal soup of herbs.	
pufahili		n.			
puyi -ra		v.		1. to watch closely; to keep a look-out for; to keep an eye on (as of police) 2. to spy out 3. to stalk 4. to peel (of fruit).	
puysi -ra		v.			
puhi -ra		v.		1. to greet 2. to thank 3. to worship; to pray.	
puhi -ra		v.		1. to put forth buds and new leaves 2. to come up out of the ground 3. to rise (of the sun and the moon) 4. to break out (as perspiration) 5. to break surface; to rise to the surface (of water).	

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puhigu	puhisi	n.		greeting	<i>KO</i> I seriously doubt puhisi : these verbal nouns are usually indeclinable, and if there was a pl. it should be puha
puhuga	puhisi	n.		<i>Tamarindus Indica</i> tree;	the fruits are cured and made into balls for sale, used as a purgative and for cleaning brass utensils.
(puhuri)	puha	n.		fruit of the tamarind (pu'huga)	
pukpara	pukpari	n.		cultivator, farmer	<i>KO</i>
pukparga	ba pukparsi	n.		the second stomach of ruminants.	
pukparim	pukpari	n.		1. malice 2. spite.	
pulandi		n.		???	
pulaani	pila	n.		spider's nest; a nest for the eel called ' Zamasuyu '. (<i>vide pilgu</i>).	
puli	puya	n.		1. belly 2. stomach (from the outside).	<i>cf. pua</i>
puli	puna	v.		1. to vow 2. to bet.	
pulimpunj	pulimpuna	n.		tree.	<i>Sterculia Tomentosa</i>
puluylı	puluya	n.		swollen spleen.	
puluŋkpaj	puluŋkpana	n.		spear grass	<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> (<i>vide pirinjkpaŋ</i>).
pum	puma	n.		1. blossoms 2. flowers.	pum is a mass noun like kom meaning 'inflorescence', flowering of a tree <i>en masse</i> ; lit. 'belly-wetness'
pumahigu	pumahisi	n.		dysentery, diarrhoea.	
pumahiʒiey	pumahiʒieri	n.		dysentery.	
pumponchi	pumponchihi	n.		1. a shrub 2. the edible strychnos fruit.	<i>Strychnos Spinosa</i>
pumpoŋo		adv.		immediately, now.	
pun		adv.		already, by now.	
puni	puna	n.		door	<i>KO</i>
puri		n.		1. fibre of guinea corn leaves 2. undigested food in animals.	
pupuri	pupurti	n.		barn	
putira	putiriba	n.		farmer	<i>KO</i> singular of this plural should be pupur(i)gu
putoyu	putori	n.		1. malice 2. spite (also: ' pukparim ').	<i>KO</i> lit. 'belly-bitterness'
púū	púrî	n		farm; the main area of fields and recent fallow	
puu pua	puhi	n.		belly; womb; pregnancy, conception	<i>KO</i> become pregnant' gbaai pua, niŋ pua (? your nipua): see pua

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puuni	puuhini		n.	stomach.	
puuni			prep.	inside.	
puutarsalli	puutarsala		n.	shrub used as a hedge between farms.	
S					
sa	-ra		v.	1. to plant , transplant 2. to fix a stick in the ground (<i>e.g.</i> flag pole or fence post) 3. to have frequent stool.	
sa			adv.	1. there 2. yonder.	3. ? also or rather n-saai <i>q.v.</i> kpé há, kpé sá ‘yonder, over there, ..’ sahinsheli sa ‘some time ago’ <i>KO</i>
sa			adv.	[one day away, time depth marker] 1. denoting an action performed yesterday: 2. with ‘ ni ’, denoting an action to be performed tomorrow:	N sa chanya. I went yesterday. N sa ni chaŋ. I will go tomorrow.
saa	sahi	n.		rain.	
saa		a.		1. watery; liquid (always used with contraction of ‘ bindi ’: binsaa tim , an aperient; a laxative 2. Binsaa ka o sara. He passes liquid stool.	fluid faeces < NOT (lit.: plant faecal rain)! : whether the ‘wet’ component of n-saai and saa/sahi is the same I don’t know, but the <i>verbal</i> ‘rain’ is m-mi - ‘Saa mira.’ > : ‘O saari la binsaa. ’ He/she is ‘running’ diarrhoea. <i>KO</i> (Eng.) (T).strictly ‘a lock’ - ‘key’ is saafebia
saafa		n.		south	
saafi	saafinim	n.		a key	
saafirla		a		God forbid.	
saai -ra			excl.	1. to bargain 2. to repent of either good or evil; to be of a different mind; (in this sense, no progressive tense)	3. <i>cf. n-sa</i>
			v.	3. to pull a stick from the ground.	2. learn a lesson from a danger/risk <i>KO</i>
saakparigu	saakpariti	n.		raincoat	? 4. to ‘run’ diarrhoea <i>cf. n-sa</i>
saaloo					<i>KO</i> literal calque from Eng.
saambulelee	saambulleensi	n.		frock	
ŋa				piece of broken pot	<i>KO</i> : looks like ‘spider’s shade porch’
saamokoro				rubbish of rain erosion	<i>KO</i>
saandi		n.		1. hospitality 2. a present of food for a stranger	something given to a visitor, especially water on arrival
				3. niŋ saandi , to show hospitality.	KO saani (<i>KO</i>)
saapaya	saapaya	n.		dragonfly.	‘rain’s wife’

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	ba				
saapirwa			n.	leaves of edible shrub with light pink flowers, used in broth.	
saawara			n.	1. consultation 2. niŋ saawara , to consult.	also saawora (a/o contrast neutralised after w): ŋme saawara ‘decide; take counsel’ : or ~ ŋmebu saawara malibu ‘conferring with somebody’ <i>KO</i>
saawaralan	saawara		n.	consultant.	
a	nima				
saayaambul	saayamb		n.	a small plant, sensitive to the touch.	
i	uya				
saazuŋu			n.	heavens, sky.	
saazuŋu			prep.	above; overhead.	
saazuŋugun			n.	praying mantis	<i>KO</i>
goŋ					
sababu			n.	1. risk 2. danger 3. jeopardy.	
sababulana	sababuni		n.	one who causes trouble, trouble-maker.	
sabbu	ma		n.	writing.	
sabgi	-ra		v.	1. to darken 2. to blacken 3. to be blackened.	
sabi	-ra		v.	to write.	
sabi			excl.	expression revealing doubtful concern.	
sab(i)gi			v.	be or become black; blacken	<i>KO</i>
sabiila			n.	civilian	<i>KO</i> (? = Eng.)
sabilli	sabila		a.	black.	
sabinli			a.	black	<i>KO</i>
sabinsi			n.	taxis	<i>KO</i> (Engl. ‘service’)
sabirigu			n.	rain that doesn’t bring thunder	<i>KO</i>
sabli	saba		n.	1. Moslem writing 2. amulet 3. liver 4. a field mouse 5. that which is valued most. (sobli , ED).	
sablieŋu	sablieri		n.	spleen.	
sabliga	sablisi		a	black.	
sablim			n.	blackness.	
sabnyuuŋa	sabnyuu		n.	chronic gonorrhoea.	
sabsi	nsi				
sabsi	-ra		v.	1. to pooh-pooh 2. to show discontent.	
sabsi			v.	puff	<i>KO</i>
sabsiga	sabsa		n.	gecko	sabsigu <i>KO</i>
sabta			n.	cleanliness	<i>KO</i> Hausa - tsabta ; native DB ‘clean’ is one sense of vielli
sabtingbuŋ	sabtingb		n.	m field mouse with small eyes	

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	una			usually found in swampy places.	
sadibu		n.		lightning	(<i>vide sanyaysibu</i>).
sagali	sagaya	n.		TZ, staple food, without broth.	? sag-gali ?
sagani	sagana	n.		the rainbow.	
saydirilaa	saydirila	n.		eating bowl for TZ	<i>KO</i> (t. z.-eat-ing-bowl/say.di.rlaa/lahi)
	hi				
sayi -ra		v.		1. to answer, to respond (to a call) 2. to agree. 3. to accept (a fact, opinion - not accept a gift); 4. to obey, submit to 5. to be enough 6. to fit, be the right/same size 7. to be good enough for 8. with ‘ taba ’, to be equal with.	
sayidihili		n.		supper time	<i>KO</i> ‘TZ-eat-cause-[sx.] time’
saha					say. di.-h-.li.saha
sayikurili	sayikura	n.		old TZ (eaten cold next morning)	<i>KO</i>
sayim	sayima	n.,		1. TZ; millet (or other grain) porridge - staple food 2. food in general	‘TZ’ is old schoolboy acronym for Hausa tuwon zafi ‘hot porridge’
sayim -nda		v.		1. to spoil, break down, degenerate 2. to spoil, damage sth 3. to destroy.	<i>KO sayim .. yuli</i> ‘defame’ (lit.: spoil a name) sayim naaiya ‘I have died’ ('destroyed and finished' - or ? sayim ‘TZ is finished’ ?)
sayinda		n.		1. a destroyer 2. Satan (has come to mean ‘Satan’, perhaps by Christian usage).	
sayingga	sayinsi	n.		lower part of the abdomen.	
sayingu		n.		destruction	<i>KO</i> N/V of sayim q.v. : also sayimbu
sayla		n.		food taken at night during the month of fasting.	
sayri		n.		sweepings: rubbish, refuse (Br.); trash, garbage (Am.)	
saysi -ra		v.		1. to rebuke 2. to chastise 3. to straighten; to set in order: 4. to fit (as clothes) 5. to advise; to correct.	Saysimā ȝini! Sit straight!
saysiga	sayisa	n.		extra wedge for a hoe.//	‘thing which makes it fit’
sayisinli	sayisima	n.		medium, moderate	<i>KO</i> this Eng. is an adjective - either the DB is a. or the Eng. should be ‘a medium, moderate amount’
sayvuyli	sayvuya	n.		stick used for stirring sayim ,	

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sagbani	sagbana	n.		TZ cloud; blue sky.	
sagbe (sagbe)		n.		a tree (<i>vide nee</i>).	
sagboo	sagbohi	n.		small calabash bottle, like the 'gayili'.	
sagboŋ saha	sagbana	n.		rain cloud. time (<i>vide da'hama</i> , opportunity).	[no pl.] (Arabic via Hausa) di saha / dinsaha 'then' saha din ka bahigu 'forever' 'time which not.have ending' saha kpeya 'time is far spent' (kpe) sahakam 'always' saha(n)sheli 'sometimes, at a certain time' sahinsheli sa 'some time ago' gom saha 'bed time' <i>KO</i>
sahabe	sahabeni ma	n.		1. a confidant 2. follower.	
sahi -ra		v.		1. to whet.; to sharpen 2. to comb the hair 3. to collect fees.	
sahinʒepiliŋ ga	sahinʒep ilinsi	n.		small whirlwind, 'dust devil'.	
saka	sakanim a	n.		edible frog with long legs.	'spotted' <i>KO</i>
sakarcheen a	sakarche ensi	n.		small edible beetle.	
sakom	sakoma	n.		rain water.	
sakoro	sakorti	n.		pounded yam	(same as 'fufu' in Southern Ghana).
Sàkòrò- díbú		p.n.		a sacrifice carried out by extended kin-groups to give thanks to the ancestors for a good yam harvest	
sakoyu	sakari	n.		grasshopper.	
sakuylı	sakuya	n.		hailstone.	
sakumsi		n.		thunder.	
sakurigu		n.		heavy rain (lit. 'old')	<i>KO</i>
sakpaleeŋa	sakpalee nsi	n.		a swallow; a martin; swift.	
sakpuylı	sakpuya	n.		the hip.	
sakpuyu	sakpuri	n.		the hip.	
sala		n.		charcoal.	
sala	salanima	n.		1. human being (contraction of ' ninsala ') 2. humanity.	
salaachi		n.		bride price	<i>KO</i>
sàlàná		n.	cl	beginning of the rainy season	
salbata	salbatani ma	n.		a sandal decorated with a tuft of wool.	
salchee	salchehi	n.		a small piece of potsherd.	
salga	salganim	n.		private pit latrine for the chief;	

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salga	a			a private cesspit.	
salgi -ra	salisi	n.		weevils that destroy grain.	
		v.		1. to be acquainted with 2. to be slippery 3. to be worn out.	
sali	saya	n.		large potsherd.	
sali -nda		v.		1. to be acquainted with 2. to resemble another person or thing 3. to linger.	
salim -nda		v.		1. to flatter 2. to cajole 3. to tell fables 4. to tell tales 5. to stop	(ED) (silim , WD).
salinsaa	salinsahi	n.		a small non-biting ant.	
salinvoyu	salinvori	n.		herbs frequently used in broth.	
salli	sala	a.		1. flat, level 2. smooth.	
salnli	salma	n.		gold (sg. – a piece of gold).	
salnli	salma	n.		a fable.	
salo		n.		a crowd of persons.	
sam	sama	n.		a summons fee.	
sam	-da	v.		1. to mash in water 2. to issue a summons against, accuse at law, sue.	
samafuu		n.		aluminium	<i>KO</i> Hausa samfolo 'lightweight stuff, aluminium'
sambani	sambana	n.		outside of a compound.	area around outside of compound, especially the 'front yard' before the gateway samban'puu 'home farm' - farmed area around the house <i>KO</i> samariga / sambarisi <i>KO</i>
sambargu	sambara	n.		earthworm.	
sambarshee	sambars	n.		glow-worm.	
hehi					
sambu	sambuni	n.		1. a charm buried in the ground for harming persons	
	ma			2. a summonsing.	
samli	sama	n.		1. a debt 2. nangbaŋ samli ; a promise to a fetish 3. di samli , to incur a debt. 4. a charge, fee, fine	
sampa	sampahi	n.		a gballa mat shelter attached to a house.	
sampani	sampana	n.		a piece of wood prepared for beating a floor.	
sampeeŋa	sampeen	n.		hardy tree roots used as medicine.	(<i>vide yokayıŋga</i>).
	si				
sampa	sampohi	n.		1. 'three-pence' 2. the repetitive form serves as: (a) pluralizers; (b) successive payment or value: a	'three-penny piece' (old coin worth 2.5 pesewas - ₦ 0.025) (seemingly in all Ghana languages).

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				three-pence each or each a three-pence.	
sana	samba	n.		a ‘stranger’: 1. a visitor, guest 3. a newcomer, foreigner.	saamba yilkperli ‘guest house’: yilkperli q.v. KO
sandaani		n.		1. intercession or apology on behalf of another 2. tim sandaani , to send to beg a pardon. 3. zo sandaani to act as intermediary	
sandaantim da	sandaant imdiba	n.		one who pleads or apologises for another, a go-between, intercessor.	
sandana	sandanni ma or sandamb a	n.		creditor.	
sandira	sandirba	n.		debtor	KO
sangali		n.		important task, pressing responsibility, pressing problem	KO
sani		prep.		1. with 2. in the presence of 3. to.	KO sani + ni ‘the location of..’: esp. with people - persons are not made the direct object of locationals (use sani) or many verbs (use yela)
saniya		n.		scale	KO
sankaj		n.		ear ache	KO
sanyaysibu		n.		lightning.	(<i>vide sadibu</i>). KO
sanyoo		n.		repayment	KO
sanzali		n.		drought	KO
sanzi		n.		beans, usually brown in colour.	dark red/purple beans (sg. might be sanzili or sanzilfu) KO
sanzieyu	sanzieri	n.		dust storm preceding a tornado.	
saŋgali	saŋgaya	n.		1. an accidental mishap 2. a circumstance.	
saŋgalinjo	saŋgalinj onima	n.		yam cultivar	
saŋgarli	saŋgara	n.		1. a worm in kola nuts 2. an intruder.	
saŋgunli	saŋgund a	n.		1. a bush buck 2. the harnessed antelope.(E D.).	(male form: san'kpaloŋdib'ga)
sáŋgúnd'lí	sáŋgúndí má	n.	s	Royal python. Eastern name.	<i>Python regius</i>
saŋkpani	saŋkpan a	n.		craw-craw; the itch; scabies.	
saŋkpani		n.		anthrax boil or cow boil.	
saŋkpantiey u		n.		a tree, the roots of which are used as a remedy for craw-craw or scabies.	
saŋkpanyoy		n.		1. asthma in a mild form	

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u				2. bronchitis.	
sāŋkpaŋa		n.		1. neuralgia 2. an abscess.	
sáŋkúrgìnlí	sáŋkúrgì	n.	s	Royal python. Western name. c.f. sáŋgúnd'lí	<i>Python regius</i>
sāŋli	má sāŋa	n.		1. a span. 2. a children's game, played in a circle, with nuts from a certain tree, by set rules of spanning and engaging one's opponent 3. the nuts from the tree (and the tree which bears the nuts) used in playing the game called ' sāŋli '.	Note: kutunyoo , half span; fee , 'quarter span', i.e., a measure of a joint of the finger
sāŋmarga	sāŋmarsi	n.		star.	
sàpàyú	sàpàrí	n.	s	Black cobra	<i>Naja melanoleuca</i>
sapasini	sapasina	n.		captain of the Dagomba Army	<English 'sergeant' via Twi
sapibo		n.		piles; haemorrhoids.	
sapili		n.	b	bird (lives in a hole in a thorn tree)	Proverb: Yɔ́y' ni sapili bay' bɔ m-be zaŋguruŋ goo ni? The <i>sapili</i> bird is not concerned about the thorns of the <i>zaŋguruŋ</i> tree
sapili	sapiya	n.	m	hyena, an epithet.	
sapirgu	sapira	n.		the side of the body.	
sapirgu		n.		pneumonia.	
sapirkobli	sapirkob	n.		rib.	
sapuyu	a sapuri	n.		1. the lungs 2. tuberculosis of cattle; rinderpest.	
sara		n.		1. tobacco 2. snuff 3. sacrifice 4. alms given in the name of God, usually in Moslem worship.	anthrax <i>KO</i>
sarakuma		n.		money offering without meat.	'dry offering'
saramaha		n.		meat offering, with TZ – 'sayim'.	'wet offering'
sarati		n.		1. an accident 2. a mishap.	
sarga	sarsi	n.		a veil for women.	
sargi -ra		v.		1. to slide 2. to slip.	
sarginli	sargima	n.		1. a sliding 2. a slipping.	
saria	sariya	n.		1. judgement 2. legal 'case' 3. kari saria , to judge.	
sarika		n.		prison	<i>KO kpari sarika</i> 'imprison' 'lock (in) prison' : < Hausa sark'a 'a chain', dan sark'a

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sariyakar(i) ta	sariyaka r(i)tiba	n.		judge	'prisoner' (lit. 'son of a chain') <i>KO</i>
sashiriga satahigu satahiŋga	satahinsi satahinsi	n.		squirrel a thunder clap. a tree split by lightning.	<i>KO</i> (-tahiŋga <i>KO</i>) prob. just 'thunder/lightning' (see prev.)
sataŋa sataŋkuylı	satansi sataŋkuy a	n.		stone anvil stone anvil	(<i>vide sataŋkuyli</i>). (<i>vide sataŋa</i>).
saviyu	saviri	n.		a blacksmith's forge.	
sawalli	sawaa	n.		a light rain cloud.	
saweni	sawena	n.		species of shrub, the seeds of which are used for broth.	
sayali	sayaya	n.		rattle, instrument enclosing small stones shaken to create rhythm.	
sayeto	sayetoni ma	n.		yam cultivar	
seedi selgu		a.		beneficial.	
		n.		a likeness; a person or thing resembling another of the same kind.	
for all si... séyélí	see (also)	shi...			
sibga	sibsi	n.		Period when rains become established	
sibgi -ra		v.		2. genealogy. a hartebeest;	male form: sibloy'u .
sibi -ra		v.		1. to pull up a single plant	
sichiri		n.		2. uproot.	
siya		n.		to weed with the hands.	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
				sugar	
				1. caution	
				2. precaution	
				3. suspicion (<i>vide shiya</i>)	
				4. niŋ siya , to hesitate.	
sivi -ra		v.		1. to descend	
				2. to come from the top of	
				3. to wade in a river or stream.	<i>KO sivi na</i> 'come down, descend hither'
siyim -nda		v.		1. to sigh	
				2. to emit a deep breath, at the last of which the lips are closed and an audible sound is made in the throat.	(This is a practice when sitting with one experiencing sorrow or considering a great problem).
siyrli	siyra	n.		a cedar tree, the twigs of which are used as chewing sticks by men. It is also used for 'tom-tom' drums.	
siysi -ra		v.		1. to breathe one's last	
				2. to sob.	
				3. to send or take down <i>KO</i>	
sikuru shikuru siliba	sikurti	n.		school <English [no place marker]	<i>KO</i>
		n.		enamel basin, metal basin	<i>KO</i> (Eng. 'silver')

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silga	silsi	n.		a vault for the burial of certain Dagomba priests in Toma, Western Dagomba.	tomb (in rock <i>cf./ct gballi</i>) <i>KO</i>
silim -nda		v.		to stoop (WD).	(salim , ED).
silimiňa	siliminsi	n.		1. a European; a white man, non-African 2. a person of the Fulani tribe 3. the red, tree ant.	<i>KO</i> comes from Moore Filmi , Silmi ‘Peoples of Fulani origin assimilated to Mossi’ - ultimately from ‘Fulani’ (pale-skinned people) ! <i>cf. nasa'ra</i> <i>KO</i> ‘whiteman’s mouse’
silimiinjeng		n.		guinea pig	
bariga					
siliminsili		p.n.		English, ‘European language’	<i>KO</i>
silini	silima	n.		folk-story	<i>KO cf. salnli</i> (MP solumni is ‘story’; KL siilima is ‘proverbs’)
silinshia	silinshihi	n.		shadow.	
sim	-da	v.		to sink. (<i>vide shim</i>).	
sim		v.		be good, right, appropriate, fitting, worthy	<i>KO AJN entry : cf. simda, simdi, simsi</i>
sima	simnima	n.		1. a good friend 2. a lover of the opposite sex 3. a concubine.	
Simbaa				Nzima (southern ethnic group)	<i>KO</i>
simda		v.		be fitting, suitable	<i>KO n-sim</i> > impf. simdi , simda
simdi		n.		friendship.	
simdi		v.		1. to behoove to 2. to be well to 3. to please 4. to be worthy.	<i>KO n-sim</i> > impf. simdi , simda
siminti		n.		cement	
simkilli	simkpila	n.		bambara bean.	<i>KO</i> (Eng.) sinkpulli / sinkpula <i>KO</i> ‘round groundnut’
simli	sima	n.		groundnut.	
simli		n.		friendship	<i>KO</i>
simpee	simpehi	n.		black bean.	
simsi		v.		be necessary	<i>KO cf. sim</i>
sinichi		n.		silk cloth.	
sinii		n.		cinema	
sinsabga	sinsabsi	n.		tree with edible berries.	
sinsabgbetil	sinsabgb	n.			<i>Lannea microcarpa</i> (<i>vide sinsabga</i>).
ga	etilsi	n.			
sinsabli	sinsaba	n.		berry of the tree sinsabga	
sinsabpieyu	sinsabpi	n.		the tree, ‘ sinsabga ’.	
	eri	n.			
sinsilga	sinsilsi	n.		squirrel (ED).	(sinsirga , WD).
sinsiqkonja		n.		leprosy of the face and ears.	
sinsirga	sinsirsi	n.		a squirrel (ED).	(sinsilga , WD).
sinsirkuya		n.		leprosy of the face and ears.	
Sintani		n.		Satan; the Devil.	< English
siŋ -da		v.		to look down upon someone as an inferior.	
siŋa	sinsi	n.		a big clay pot.	
siŋkafa		n.		rice.	siŋkaafa, sinkaafa, shinkaafa
siŋkaafa		p.n.		eve of Damba (‘day of	<i>KO</i>

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gahimbu				sorting/picking out/over the	
dali				rice’)	
shinkaafa		n.		rice husk	<i>KO</i>
mori					
sirigi		v.		decline; descend	<i>KO</i>
sirigili		adv.		downhill	<i>KO</i>
sísáhí		n.		fallow land the year following	
				wòrgú	
sitima		n.		ship, submarine	<i>KO</i> (Eng. ‘steamer’ i.e. modern, powered ship)
sitimanim		n.		harbour (steamers’ standing place’)	<i>KO</i>
zaashee					
sitoyu	sitori	n.		shop, store	<i>KO</i> (Eng.- see pl.)
situra		n.		clothing (all kinds)	<i>KO cf. suturli</i>
so	sheba	pron.		1. someone 2. a person.	someone, anyone [animate sg. indefinite], no one [with neg.] ; a certain ..; someone else, another person
so		a.		a certain.	
so		v.		to be better; to be preferable.	
so		v.		wear something round waist (underpants, trousers, skirt, cloth)	<i>KO cf. piri, ye</i>
so		v.		saw	<i>KO or soyi</i> (Eng.)
so mo		p.n.		first Damba dance - 11th of the	<i>KO</i>
damba				month	
so -ra		v.		1. to rub 2. to grate, as nuts or yams 3. to put on trousers.	
so -ra		v.		1. to put on or wear around the waist, as trousers, underpants, women’s cloth 2. to menstruate (monthly course)	
soyi -ra		v.		3. to saw, as wood. 1. to hide 2. to inter; to bury (of humans). 3. auxiliary ‘do ... secretly’	(originally so vari ‘wear (sanitary) leaves’)
soykambanj	soykamb	n.		an iron ring for fastening	
a	ansi			blade-holder to the handle of a	
soykpat	soykpat	n.		hoe.	
	a			a small wooden wedge for a	
soykpulg	soykpuls	n.		hoe.	
	i				
soylaa	soylahi	n.		a handle for a hoe.	
soylahirga	soylahirs	n.		a certain small tree.	
	i				
soylakabga	soylakab	n.		a wild plant bearing small	(<i>vide dakolsayaborli</i>).
	si			edible brown berries.	
soyso		n.		a native sponge.	fibre, loofah , nylon fishing net used in bathing <i>KO</i>

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soyu	sori		n.	a broom.	<i>see somaqli</i>
soyu	soyri		n.	a three-pronged blade-holder for a hoe; a hoe of this type (large).	
sobila	sobihi		n.	a path.	
sobli	soba		n.	1. a field mouse. 2. liver	(ED).(sabli, WD).
sobu	sobri		n.	thick yarn.	
sobuyim	sobuyim		n.	a fire believed to be caused by witchcraft.	(<i>vide yun'buyim</i>).
	a				
sochenda			n.	traveller	<i>KO</i> (walker.of.roads)
sochibga	sochibsi		n.	race course for horses.	
sochira			n.	a crossroads; an intersection.	
soha			n.	yesterday	
soha la			adv.	yesterday.	
sohi	-ra		v.	1. to shiver with cold 2. to shake with fear.	
sokam			pron.	everyone.	
sokpana	sokpansi		n.	a wayside; by the side of the road.	
soli	soya		n.	1. a road 2. a path 3. way of doing sth. 4. way of life 5. the right way, approved behaviour	(this refers to either a path or a roadway. <i>vide palli</i> .).
soli			v.	put underwear (&c. - see n-so of which this is causative) on somebody	<i>KO</i>
solo			n.	1. a seesaw 2. a swing.	
soloyu	solari		n.	a main path.	
som	soma		n.	gall.	
somanji	somanji		n.	servant.	soomanji <i>KO</i> ‘helper; saviour’
	nima				
somaqli	sori		n.	broom (local)	<i>KO soyu/sori</i> is any kind of broom : -maqli means ‘regular (Am.), ordinary, genuine’ - thus kpamaqli is ‘shea butter’, the common, local kpam , and yelimaqli is ‘truth’, genuine words
	soyu				
sompuyli	sompuya		n.	1. painful menstruation 2. pains in the abdomen 3. a certain disease of women.	
sonj	sondi		n.	mat.	
sonj -da			v.	1. to help 2. zaŋ sonj , to put on the	‘lay, put down horizontal on

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				ground (said of anything which will not stand up.).	ground; deposit' <i>KO</i>
sonaa	sonanim	n.		a chief of the blacksmiths in town.	
	a				
sonangbany	sonangb	n.		verge(s) just by the the way/path	<i>KO</i>
ee	anyehi				
soŋbu		v.		deposit	<i>KO cf. soŋ</i>
sonda	sondiba	n.		helper	<i>KO</i>
sonsim		n.		help, helpfulness, no pl.	<i>KO</i>
sonya	sonima	n.		a witch. (<i>vide sonya</i>).	
soo	sohi	n.		edible frog.	.. ‘spotted’ <i>KO</i>
soobuli		n.		spade, shovel (Eng.)	<i>KO</i>
sooche		n.		trade in plenty food-stuffs.	
soochelana	soocheni	n.		a trader.	
	ma				
soochi		n.		1. an improvement in anything, particularly in sickness; a recovery 2. a reasonable price, meaning, a lower price.	< Hausa sauk'i ‘lightness’ (also ‘cheapness’ &c. - root is ‘go/put down’) <i>TN</i>
sooje		n.		soldier (Eng.)	<i>KO</i>
soojobila		n.		cadet:	<i>KO</i> junior sooje ‘soldier’ (Eng.)
sooja	soonsi	n.		a rabbit; a hare.	(<i>Lepus Togolensis</i>)
sooti		n.		shirt (loan)	<i>KO</i>
sopihiga		n.		broom for mortars (small and short)	<i>KO</i>
sopihiga	sopihisi	n.		a small broom.	
sorba	sorbani	n.		a horse with white fetlocks and white forehead.	
	ma				
sorgu	sorsi	n.		a grater.	
sorli	sora	n.		menstrual flow; menses.	
sowolgili	sowolgir	n.		a branch road.	
	a				
su		v.		1. to possess 2. to own 3. to rule over, be responsible for; have authority over. 4. su paya , to marry a woman by Muslim custom.	
su -ra		v.		1. su kom , to bath, have/take a bath 2. to bathe (tr. e.g. baby) 4. su noli , to eat	3. ‘bathe’ mouth = take breakfast
su -ra		v.		1. to pocket 2. to put into a bag	
sua suu	suhi	n.		a knife, cutlass.	
subusunj		n.		baptism (subu {verbal noun from n-su } -sup ‘good’ {used by RCs for ‘holy’})	<i>KO deei subusunj</i> ‘be baptised’: receive washing (V/N: of n-su) good
sucherga	suchersi	n.		a cutlass.	
suylı	suŋa	n.		1. a temporary grass hut 2. a booth, even though roofed with metal or grass	

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suyli	-nda	v.		3. ti suya , to put up grass huts. 1. to gargle 2. to rinse out the mouth.	
suylo		n.		1. patience 2. di , or niŋ , suylo , to have patience.	dim suylo ‘be patient!, have patience!’; ‘please’ (not normally used as in Eur. lgs.) <i>KO</i>
suhি -ra		v.		1. to beg 2. to ask for 3. to pray; to supplicate 4. to draw in breath through the teeth.	<i>KO suhi Naawuni</i> ‘pray’ <i>Naawuni suhibu</i> ‘praying’ suhi soli ‘ask for permission to leave’
suhigu	suhisi	n.		prayer	<i>KO</i> I seriously doubt the pl. - rather suhigu is N/V of n-suhi
suhu	suhiri	n.		heart: seat of mind and emotions	
suhudoo		n.		peace	<i>KO</i>
suhu gari		v.p.		to be sorry	(<i>vide suhugargu</i>).
suhu vali		v.p.		to forget (<i>vide vali</i>).	
suhugargu		n.		1. sorrow 2. grief.	
suhukpeeni		n.		courage.	
suhumaabu		n.		consolation (‘heart-cooling’)	<i>KO</i>
suhumahili		n.		cool-temperedness.	
suhupielim		n.		joy; happiness.	
suhupielli		n.		joy; happiness.	
suhupuypu		n.		quick-temperedness.	
yu					
suhuru		n.		pus.	
suhutun		n.		forgetfulness.	
suhuiyisili		n.		hot-temperedness.	
suhuzohigu		n.		inoffensiveness.	
suhuzia		n.		1. absent-mindedness 2. mali suhuzia , to be absent-minded.	‘calm’ <i>KO</i>
suiin		n.		horse grass.	
sujee		n.		anger, annoyance	<i>KO</i>
sukpali		n.		handle of a knife	<i>KO</i>
sulgu	sula	n.		a hawk.	sulige (? <i>suliga</i>) / sulisi <i>KO</i>
suli	suya	n.		1. anger 2. je suli , to be angry 3. je suli niŋ , to be angry with.	X suli/suhu yiysi ‘X loses his temper’ cf. suhiyiysili
sulinsi	sula	n.		a shilling (a transliteration of the English).	this sg. is from Eg. pl.: by 1973 sulli was used
sulpielli	sulpiela	n.		a wild cat marked like a leopard.	
sum	sunoday	n.		solder (<i>vide shinadali</i>).	
sunna	a	n.		Muslim naming ceremony (< Hausa)	<i>KO</i> check spelling, see suuna

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sunsuuni		prep. and adv.		middle; amidst; among.	<i>KO sunsuu</i> is N: ‘middle’ cf. gbinni (note)
sunyina		n.		a saw.	
sunj	suma	a		good.	
surgi -ra		v.		1. to be dark 2. to be night time 3. to become entangled, as a skein of thread 4. to slip out of place.	
surim		adv.		quietly.	
sutili	sutiya	n.		the power making one impervious to knife cuts.	
sutitali		n.		cutlass ('big knife')	<i>KO</i>
sutoyu	sutori	n.		a sheath; scabbard.	
suturli	sutura	n.		clothing.	
suui -ra		v.		1. to unload 2. to lift down 3. to shed leaves 4. to rinse clothing, after soaping them 5. to bathe a dead body ??.	
suuna		n.		naming ceremony; outdooring (?? this is an Ashanti/southern custom)	<i>KO</i> check spelling, see sunna
suzura		n.		1. reverence 2. respect	
suzuura				3. nin suzura , to reverence; respect.	

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shaara		n.		expensiveness	<i>KO</i> (< Hausa <i>tsada</i>)
she -ra		v.		1. to sew 2. to roast directly in the fire.	
sheba		pron.		any, some, other, none, animate pl.; some people	<i>KO</i> pl. of so q.v.
sheyu		pron.		something	<i>KO</i> AJN entry : rare (archaic) variant of sheli q.v.
shéyú		n.	cl	1. general term for rainy season 2. describes the peak period of rainfall when it is sometimes impossible to go to farm place (for a purpose) [without place marker]	<i>KO</i> also shayu : sheyu ni shee ‘when the rainy season comes’ ('situation in the rainy season' - nominal phrase)
shee	shahi	n.		place (for a purpose) [without place marker]	<i>KO paabu shee</i> ‘destination’ <i>yiyirigu lubu shee</i> ‘airport’ ‘flying. thing falling place’
shee	shehi	n.		lower back, lumbar region, ‘waist’ (Gh.)	
shee		prep.		1. except 2. until	< Hausa
shee -ra		v.		3. unless (<i>vide fashee</i>). 1. to dismount 2. to set in (of the rainy	

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shehira			n.	season only) 3. to alight from a lorry 4. to fall away from (as meat from bones or as plaster from a wall).	
shehiralana	shehiran		n.	1. evidence 2. a testimony 3. niŋ shehira , to testify, to give evidence.	witness, support in a court case (< Hausa < Ar.);
sheje	ima		excl.		shehira gbaj ‘licence, affidavit’ ; shehira kpema ‘false witness’ ‘senior’ or ‘hard’ witness? <i>KO</i>
sheje	shejenim		n.	a witness.	
sheli	shejenim		n.	bastard.	< Hausa : (more often as exclamation than insult, rarely a factual description <i>KO</i>)
shelikam	shej		pron.	bastard.	< Hausa : (more often as exclamation than insult, rarely a factual description <i>KO</i>)
shelipolo			adv.	1. something; anything; some; any 2. some place hence. 1. everything 2. everywhere.	<i>KO</i> inanimate sg. of so q.v.
shelnli	shelma		n.	porcupine.	
shelorgu	sheelora		n.	1. belt 2. head-tie(two yards).	
shem			adv.	1. how; 2. as; 3. the manner in which;	A ni niŋ shem ɲo, a galimiya. How you have done, you have offended. Di ni nye shem, a ni chanj. As it is, you must go. Di ni nye shem mboŋo. The manner in which it happened, is this. (<i>KO</i> strictly ‘anyhow, nohow’ - adverb related to so (q.v.)/ sheba , sheli , &c.)
shén'-wáhù	shén'-yúrí		n.	s harmless ground snake seen in the rainy season	
sherga	shersi		n.	needle, injection	
shermia	shermihi		n.	a stitch.	
shesheriga			n.	tailor	<i>KO</i>
shi... see					
(also) si...					
shi -ra			v.	1. to dye 2. to skin 3. to flay 4. to become weak (of the voice) 5. to fall away (as meat from the bones or plaster from a wall).	
shii	shihi		n.	1. the spirit of the human	

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				being 2. the soul 3. a bee 4. a honey bee 5. a tree like a silver birch, of which the branches have been used for rafters 6. a stand, made of clay, used to support large pots.	
Shia Kasi		n.		the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity in Christian Doctrine.	<i>KO</i> (prot. usage, see vuhim)
shie	shehi	n.		1. place 2. used freely with other forms to make compounded words:	ʒishie , setting place; vuhimshie , resting place.
shie		prep.		near to.	
shieyu		n.		rainy season.	
shieyu	shieri	n.		a tree that grows in a swampy place.	
shigaari		n.		cigarette (loan)	<i>KO</i>
shigboŋ	shigbana	n.		bees' wax.	
shiya		n.		1. caution 2. precaution 3. suspicion (<i>vide siya</i>).	
shihi -ra		v.		1. to touch 2. to drive away fowls or birds.	
shihinshia		n.		shadow	<i>KO</i> cf. shilinshia
shihirli	shihira	n.		1. magic 2. a miracle 3. a vision. 4. a sign, symbol	
shika		n.		1. caution 2. niŋ shika , to be cautious (<i>vide siya</i>).	
shili		n.		1. preparation 2. readiness 3. maali shili , to prepare; to be ready.	
shim	shima	n.		indigo.	
shim		n.		miserliness	<i>KO</i>
shim -da		v.		1. to sink 2. to immerse.	
shimma		n.		1. spiritual preparation 2. niŋ shimma , to prepare (in a spiritual sense).	
shimmi		n.		1. stinginess 2. malí shimmi , to be stingy.	
shinadali	shinaday	n.		solder (<i>vide sunodali</i>).	
shindaʒuyu	a shindazu	n.		false castor oil plant, used for hedges; leaves are used for	
	yri				

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shini -ra			v.	dressing guinea worm swellings. 1. to keep silence 2. Imperative form: shina , be silent	Shina a noli! Hold your peace! Be still!
shinigu			n.	silence.	
shinshieyu	shinshier i		n.	1. a washing place, bathroom. 2a urinal	shinshayu / shinshari KO one place in local house combines both functions
shinshenyeet			n.	drain, outlet of bathroom	<i>KO</i>
shinshimi	shinshima		n.	1. a sand crack between the toes 2. athlete's foot 3. a tiny red caterpillar.	
shinshingor o	shinshingoronom a		n.	wood ibis.	
shintani			n.	fiend (= sintani q.v.)	<i>KO</i>
shiri			n.	honey.	
shiri			adv.	1. actually 2. truly (used between subject and verb).	
shishira	shishirba		n.	a dyer.	
shiyuyu	shiyuri		n.	beehive)	<i>KO</i>

T

ta			v.	to plaster	<i>KO</i>
taabo			n.	timber (Br.), lumber (Am.) - square-sawn wood for carpentry	<i>KO</i> (cf./ct doyu/dari) but also: taabo dari
taai			v.	light a fire; start burning; be ablaze	
taai buyim			v.p.	to light a fire	
taai dun			v.p.	to strike, to riot	
taanchili			n.	type of small piece of cloth used as a covering by women	<i>KO</i> 'torn cloth.strip' (? -chilli-/chila?)
taanja	taansi		n.	sheanut tree	<i>KO</i>
taani	tama		n.	sheanut fruit	<i>KO</i> nut has a different name - ? piija/piinsi?
taara			n.	custom	<i>KO</i> Hausa tada
taataa	taatahi		n.	ostrich	<i>KO</i>
taawaye			n.	strike	<i>KO</i> Hausa tawaye 'rebelling, rebel'
taba		pron.		each other	<i>KO</i> actually a plural noun 'fellows, peers'
tabaduyu	tabaduyri		n.	pipe	<i>KO</i>
tabata			v.	necessary; sure	<i>KO</i> < Hausa tabbata 'be sure (that..)'
tabataba			n.	small-small kola nuts or those	

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tabataba			a.	with weevils. 1. gummy 2. sticky 3. untrue 4. uncertain.	
tabgi	-ra		v.	1. to kick 2. to fall off of, or away from, the wall (of something secured there). 1. to carry on the palm of the hand 2. to perch on a tree 3. to gather honey.	(kick backwards, like horse: kick forwards like soccer player is ŋme)
tabi -ra			v.		
tabibi	tabibini	n.	i	reddish wasp.	<i>see tablankpia</i>
tabibi	ma	n.		science	<i>KO Ar. tabiib</i> ‘physician, doctor’ <i>KO < Hausa root tak'i</i>
tabitabi		n.		stairs	
tablalaa	tablalahi	n.	i	sweat fly.	
tablankpia	tablankp	n.	i	wasp	<i>KO : see tabi'bi</i>
tabli	ihi	n.		tobacco.	
tabli -nda	taba	n.			
		v.		1. to stick to 2. to fasten to 3. to lean against 4. to be adjacent to.	
tabloyu	tablari	n.		small tick.	
tabo	tabonim	n.		1. kind 2. sort 3. species.	
tabsi	-ra	v.		1. to touch with the hand.	(Idiom: O tabisira. He steals.).
tabzahim	tabzahi	n.		filth.	
tadabo	ma	n.		ink.	? <Hausa
tayi -ra	tadabti	n.		1. to change, exchange 2. to stop a person 3. to protect; ward off; prevent 4. to herd (of animals) 5. to prop up 6. to catch water 7. to take the place of another.	tayi dee ‘readily accept’ tayi zani ‘stop; halt’ <i>KO</i>
tayibu		n.		barter	<i>KO</i>
tayim -nda		v.		to smack the lips. (ED).	
tayima		n.		grass used as bedding for animals.	
tayinti		v.		grind in basin	<i>KO : ? tayim/tayindi</i> (? = tayim above?)
tayitayi		n.		1. hay 2. provender for animals.	
tayitayi		v.		1. to be in worse circumstances than the other	

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tayi ʒieyu		v.		person mentioned 2. penniless. smell animal scent	<i>KO</i> : V (? not apparently tayi or) + N(Obj) ʒieyu q.v.
taysi		v.		arrange	<i>KO</i>
tahi -ra		v.		1. to lead 2. to take to 3. to bring 4. to shout, thunder 5. to burst 6. to crack 7. tahi... zuyu , to shout at ...in anger.	escort; take (sb.) to .. (GE 'send'): cf. tim , talim din tahi li ‘which caused it; which brought it (about)’: ‘which brought (that situation) here’ din tahi na ‘what is the mission’ <i>KO</i>
tahiga	tahisi	n.		syphilitic sores in the mouth.	
tahili	taha	n.		1. tin 2. an enamel pan or plate 3. iron sheet 4. brass pan (this is usually called ‘ tahaʒieyu ’).	? fr. Hausa <i>tasaa</i> ult. French <i>tasse</i>
tahima		n.		1. hope 2. nij tahima , to hope.	
tahipoŋ	tahipona	n.		tray	<i>KO</i>
tahizieu	tahizieri	n.		a brass pan.	< Hausa
takada	takadani	n.		1. a clerk 2. takada gboŋ , writing paper, any paper.	
	ma			1. disappointment 2. inconvenience 3. yih takahi , to cause disappointment; to inconvenience (a remote meaning: to revenge).	
takahi		n.		a hoof.	
takarfeeni	takarfe	n.			
	ma				
takobi	takobini	n.		a sword	(< Hausa). (takobu / takibri <i>KO</i>)
	ma				
takofa	takofans	n.		1. a six-pence coin 2. six-pence in value (WD: tokafa , ED).	¢0.05 ? from archaic English term ‘tickey’
	i				
takoro	takorti	n.		1. a window 2. the title of an officer in the Dagomba army.	< Hausa takorobila ‘window-shutter’ <i>KO</i>
takubsi		n.		a small gift of appreciation to the messenger who brings a gift.	
takparikpa		n.		candy; sweets, confectionery	<i>KO</i>
ysi					
talahi		n.		1. compulsion 2. necessity 3. force 4. burden 5. nij talahi , to be necessary;	<i>KO</i> (< Hausa tilas) talahi tuuni ‘duty’ (see tuma)

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talgu	taya		n.	to be compulsory the spur of fowls and game birds.	
talim -nda			v.	1. to ask someone to carry a message, if it does not too seriously inconvenience him 2. to order something through another person. (WD: tolim , ED).	send to another through somebody; to ‘message’ (Gh.) somebody - <i>i.e.</i> send a message with him when he is going anyway <i>KO cf./ct. n-tim</i> which is to ‘send’ - make somebody go expressly in order to carry out your errand <i>KO</i> or ta'lma
talima		n.		1. a pledge given for a debt (usually a child) 2. pa talima , to pledge.	
tam		n.		good soil, fertiliser.	
tam		n.		time	<i>KO Eng.</i>
tam -da		v.		1. to forget 2. to perch (of birds) 3. to set upright on something.	tam .. zuyu ‘put/be on top of ..’ <i>KO</i>
tamaha		n.		1. hope 2. expectation 3. thought 4. nij tamaha , to hope; to think.	(Note: There are two words used for ‘hope’: ‘ tahama ’ and ‘ tamaha ’. The latter carries the thought of expectation and assurance; the former reflects a doubt as to the fulfillment or realization.)
tamalchirga	tamalchi		n.	a small, biting ant.	
	rsi				
tambayingga	tambayı		n.	ant, small black type	<i>KO</i>
	nsi				
tambieykpa	tambiey		n.	anthill of the small termite tambieyu .	
ni	kpana				
tambieu	tambieri		n.	white ant, the small termite.	
tambu			n.	perching of birds (v.n. of ‘ tam ’).	
tamdigu			n.	a stand	<i>KO</i> (instrument derivative of tam)
tampilgim	tampilim		n.	1. ashes 2. lime wash.	
	a				
tampíní	tampíná		n.	small, unfenced plots within the village	
tampiuŋ	tampima		n.	sandstone, a large rock, threshing-floor.	
tampuli	tampuya		n.	1. midden.	
				2. dunghill.	
tamsim			n.	forgetting	
					(v.n. from ‘ tam ’ used in regard to the simple processes of memory).
tana shingu			n.	leaves of cassava	<i>KO</i>
tanachi	tanachin		n.	a hobble – rope for tying feet of horse to prevent easy movement	<i>KO</i> : (< Hausa tange ‘to tether’)
	ima				

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tanchili	tanchiya	n.		woman's loin cloth.	
tandaylı	tandaya	n.		pieces of broken wall.	
tándí		n.		1. 'sand' (GE) earth, mud and similar substance especially for human use esp. building mud 'swish' (GE) 'adobe' (Am.), mortar; concrete 2. 'mud' (Gh.)	stem form: tàn' pottery clay (but this is more correctly yayı); me tandi , to build with mud or swish.
tandoyu	tandori	n.		quarry for swish or gravel.	
tani	tana	n.		1. a strip of woven cloth 2. a bandage.	
tánjilé	tánjilá	n.	s	Royal python	<i>Python regius</i>
tankpayu	tankpari	n.		dust (thrown up); soil, 'sand' (Gh.)	<i>KO</i> : see tanjkpoy'u
tanmera	tanmeri	n.		mason (Steinmetz); builder	<i>KO</i> strictly not Steinmetz as it is a 'sand'-builder, user of stone is strictly kuymera
	ba				<i>KO</i> 'white fabric'
tanpielli		n.		calico	
tantee	tantehi	n.		a short grass, particularly good for grazing. 'elephant grass'	
				<i>KO</i>	
tanzaa		n.		foundation of a building	
tanyibga	tanyibsi	n.		a tree with a scarlet blossom, the roots of which are made into a sponge.	<i>KO</i>
taŋgim		a.		of equal value (as a case in which no decision is given between a plaintiff and defendant). (<i>vide</i> muylim).	
taŋkoro	taŋkorti	n.		false yam.	
taŋkpogbul	taŋkpog	n.		cloud of dust.	
gu	bula				
taŋkpoyu	taŋkpari	n.		1. dust 2. soil.	taŋkpogri (ED) <i>see tankpayu</i>
tapaya	tapaysi	n.		1. the side of the face 2. the cheek.	also 'slap' <i>KO</i>
targa	tarsi	n.		1. a boundary 2. limit 3. an end 4. kpiɔŋ targa , to the best of one's ability.	paai tariga 'be very much; too much' 'reach extremity': <i>see targa pirigi tarisi</i> 'demarcate' <i>KO</i>
targi -ra		v.		1. to be unable. (the failure to do ..., is always expressed by employing a verbal noun); 2. to collapse; to faint; to be helpless (physical condition).	O targi ma luhubu. He was unable to put me down. O targi duu maa naabu. He failed to complete the building.
tari -ta		v.		plaster.	
tari		v.		put everywhere; to extend, be/get/make wider, bigger	<i>KO</i>
tari	tarimba	n.		1. a commoner; a person not of royal blood 2. a meek person.	sg. tariŋ KO
tarifom				telephone	
tarimguli	tarimgu	n.		a tree, the twigs of which are chewed.	<i>KO</i> <English
	ya				

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tarli	tara		n.	1. a share 2. a portion.	
tarinj	tarima		n.	disabled person	<i>KO = ?</i>
taruŋ			n.	1. the state of not being of royal blood 2. meekness.	
tatabo			n.	kind; variety species	(<i>vide ‘tabo’</i>). ‘A is B tatabo ’ A is same kind as, is like B. <i>KO</i>
tawafi			n.	1. abuse 2. reproach in public 3. disgrace 4. di tawafi , to abuse publicly.	
tawaye			n.	1. revolt 2. strife 3. niŋ tawaye , to revolt; to strive.	
tawulli	tawula		n.	yam cultivar	
taya			n.	quills	<i>KO</i> if there is a sg. it would be ‘ tali ’
tayiya	tayiysi		n.	a thief. (WD).	(nayiy'a , ED).
tayiyim			n.	theft.	
tayiysigu			n.	theft.	
te	-ra		v.	1. to strain 2. to build a nest	arrange with grass or rags , esp. make a nest (see teyu) <i>KO</i>
teyu	teri		n.	3. a contracted form of ‘ tehi ’.	<i>KO</i>
tee			adv.	nest (made of sticks or grass) ‘for a long time in vain, uselessly’	<i>KO</i>
tee	tehi		n.	strainer.	
teebuli	teebuya		n.	table; cupboard	<i>KO <English</i>
teei -ra			v.	1. to remember 2. to call to mind 3. to stretch out (<i>e.g.</i> the arm) 4. to straighten 5. to stand in line.	
teeku			n.	sea	(< Hausa) <i>KO teeku duli</i> ‘seashore’ teeku noli ‘edge, brink of the sea; coast’
teela			n.	tailor; sewing-machine	<i>KO<English</i>
teeŋja	teensi		n.	1. chin 2. beard.	
teenkobri			n.	beard (lit.: chin body-hairs)	<i>KO</i>
teeŋkobri					
teeŋkpini	teeŋkpин		n.	a chin that has not developed a beard.	
teeŋku	teekuni		n.	trade in yams by lend bonds.	
teenluro	ma		n.	full beard.	? ‘sideboards’ / ‘sideburns’ as in MP/ <i>KO</i> ?
	teenluro				
	nima				

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teenluolan a	teenluro nima		n.	person with a full beard.	
teepu			n.	tape recorder	<i>KO</i> <English
teesa			n.	station	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
teesi			n.	test, exam	<i>KO</i> <English
tehi -ra			v.	1. to think 2. to ponder 3. tehi suhu ni , to remember 4. to sharpen a tool by smithing.	
tehibu			n.	feeling, thinking	<i>KO</i>
tehigu	tehi		n.	thought.	
tehili	teha		n.	a thought / thoughts; conscience; idea	<i>KO teha bi zilima</i> ‘lack of foresight’ : ‘thoughts not are.deep’
tehiwoyila			n.	foresight (lit.: long thoughts)	<i>KO</i>
teku	tekunim		n.	1. ocean	<i>teku</i> q.v. < Hausa
	a			2. sea.	
temoko			n.	1. help 2. aid.	< Hausa
terli	tera		n.	yam cultivar	
teruŋ	terinsi		n.	1. stony soil 2. laterite blocks.	
tete			n.	1. a gambling game; a kind of dicing game played with cowries 2. to tete , to gamble; to play the game of ‘ tete ’.	
tete tobu			n.	betting; ‘lot-shooting’	<i>KO cf. tete</i>
ti		pron.		1st pers. pron. nom. and obj. cases	<i>KO ti maasim</i> ‘good morning’ (second greeting) ‘our coolness’
ti			v.	1. we 2. us.	???
ti		prep.		to go (colloquial).	
ti			v.	1. to 2. far.	
ti		conj.		1. in order to 2. may or might. (when ‘ni’ is used to introduce a clause the subject of which is the same as that of the principal verb, ‘ti’ is inserted between the subject and verb of this clause to give the meaning: ‘in order to’, or ‘may’)	O chaj ni o ti nya. He went in order to see. He went that he might see.
ti		part.		future tense indicator	occurring between pronoun and verb or regular future tense particle, and giving an added sense of indefiniteness: O ti di . He may eat. O ni ti di . He may sometime eat
ti -ra		v.		1. to give 2. to do something for (in another’s stead).	<i>KO ŋma n ti</i> ‘dedicate’ ti barina ‘hurt, give (cause) harm’ ti pini ‘donate’ ‘give gifts’

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ti -ra		v.		to vomit.	
ti -ra		v.		to put up a shelter.	
tia		n.		race; speed	
yii	tihī	n.		1. tree (a general term) 2. a type of fetish shrine.	
tibbi	-ra	v.		to conjure for	
tibbia	tibbihi	n.		eardrum.	
tibbindi	tibbina	n.		ear wax.	
tibbu		n.		curing, healing; treatment	KO
tibbu		n.		1. conjuring trick 2. ninj tibbu , to do a conjuring trick.	
tibbulana	tibbuni	n.		a conjurer, one who conjures.	
	ma				
tibdarigibo		n.		punishment 'ear-pulling'	KO
tibga	tibsi	n.		a small squirrel.	? mongoose ?
tibginsim		n.		exaltation; giving respect, honour	KO MP : it is a metaphorical use of be/make heavy, but this is timsa in DB <i>q.v.</i> , tibsa in MP
tibi -ra		v.		to heal; to cure.	
tibkparli	tibkpara	n.		earring.	
tibkpira		n.		deafness in both ears.	
tibkpíralan	tibkpira	n.		a deaf person.	
a	nima				
tibkpírlí		n.		deafness in one ear.	
tibkpírlí	tibkpira	n.		a person deaf in one ear.	
tibli	tiba	n.		1. ear 2. dargi tibli , to punish 3. ti tibli , to inform.	
				woods; forest of trees (ti.bonj)	KO
tibonj		n.		1. to be heavy	
tibsa		a. v.		2. to be important(also timsa).	
tibu		n.		healing.	
tieyu	tieri	n.		a bird's nest.	
tiyi -ra		v.		1. to be satisfied 2. to satisfy one's hunger 3. to be poisoned 4. tiyi nini , to please; to be pleased with.	
tiyiti		n.		ticket <English	KO
tiysi -ra		v.		1. to gather together 2. to push into (of partially burnt sticks into a fire).	
tigburigu	tigbura	n.		stump	KO ? also dagbur- as in the other languages ?
tihigi -ra		v.		1. to recover; to improve in health 2. to prosper.	
tihim -nda		v.		to sneeze.	
yii		n.		tea <English	KO
tiila		n.		canary bird	KO misreading? - in most lgs. ' tiita ' (and it may actually mean the <i>cage</i> , not the bird in

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tikuba	tikubani	n.		tale-bearer.	it)
	ma				
tikuliŋkua	tikuliŋk	n.		ants, living in trees.	
	uhı				
tikum	tikuma	n.		1. talebearing 2. n-yihi tikum , to tell tales about.	hint, clue <i>KO</i>
tikparili	tikpara	n.		earring	<i>KO</i>
tikpilli	tikpila	n.		medicinal pill, tablet ('round.medicine')	<i>KO</i>
tikpura		n.		deaf-ears, deaf person	<i>KO</i>
tilga	tilsi	n.		pestle.	
tilgi -ra		v.		1. to save 2. to redeem 3. to spare 4. to cross-question 5. to be/turn sth. upside down. 6. to reverse procedure	<i>tilgi taba</i> ‘toss each other’ (and so: tiligi na ‘return’) <i>KO</i>
tilginsim		n.		1. protection 2. salvation 3. redemption.	
Tilgira		n.		Saviour.	
tili	tiya	n.		large wicker basket, used for catching fish.	
tili	tina	v.		to lean against.	tr./intr.
tilim -nda		v.		1. to interfere with 2. to provoke to anger. 3. to venture <i>KO</i>	
tiliŋga	tilinsi	n.		large black fish.	
tilo		n.		family cult	<i>KO</i>
tim	tima	n.		1. medicine (Western or herbal); remedy; drug 2. a charm, ‘medicine’, magic 3. magic power, magic practice. 4. chemical(s) (<i>TN</i>)	
tim -da		v.		1. to send a person	despatch; ‘send’ - make somebody go expressly in order to carry out your errand (see talim)
				2. to dip. (tinj <i>KO</i>) 3. to be full to the brim. 4. to cut across	
timba		n.		timber	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
timbuli	timbuya	n.		flies that make honey in the ground (ED: nayilga , WD).	
timbuŋ	timbuna	n.		aardvark.	<i>see</i> next : ‘earth donkey’
timbuja	timbunsi	n.		aardvark	<i>see</i> prev.
timpani	timpana	n.		pair of large pegged drums	<i>KO</i> (Twi)
timponi		n.		something publicised.	
timsa		a. v.		1. to be heavy 2. to be important (also tibsa).	
timsili	timsa	a.		heavy, thick	<i>KO</i>

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timsim			n.	weight	<i>KO</i>
timtim			adv.	deep black	<i>KO</i> possible, but ? misreading of limlim (= MP) ?
tindana	tindamb		n.	a earth-priest.	
tindanbia	a		n.	earth-priest's son/assistant, member of earth-priestly clan	<i>KO</i>
tinfu	tinfunim		n.	1. a crier to the chief 2. a military title (Akan).	
tingbandam			n.	earthquake 'land.shaking'	<i>KO</i> earth.skin+shake.Nsx
li					
tingbání	tingbána		n.	land-spirit sacred site	singular is applied to individual land-spirits inhabiting a particular site and the plural to the area of land itself
tinima					<i>KO</i>
tinshee	tinshehi		pron.	we, us, ours [emph.]	
			n.	1. some other town 2. some other country.	
tintani			n.	flat land; level ground; arid /bare land	<i>KO</i> or tiŋ tani
tintariga			n.	outskirts	<i>KO cf. tingbantariga</i>
tinzani			n.	dry season	<i>KO</i>
tinzuŷu	tinzuŷri		n.	capital city	<i>KO</i>
tinzungtiŋa	tinzungtin		n.	foreign lands	<i>KO</i>
si					
tinzung-nira	tinzung- nirba		n.	a foreigner.	
tinyayli	tinnyaya		n.	tree root, 'herbal' medicine.	
tiŋsonbu			n.	laying town ; ? founding a village	<i>KO</i>
tiŋa	tinsi		n.	1. ground, land 2. country, town.	in relation to human inhabitants - country/tribal-territory/town/village
tiŋa			adv.	1. down 2. on the ground.	
tiŋbantarisi			n.	boundaries	<i>KO cf. tintariga, tar(i)ga</i>
tiŋbia	tiŋbih		n.	a native, local inhabitant, citizen.	
tiŋbuli	tiŋbuya		n.	an aborigine.	
tingbani	tiŋbana		n.	1. the earth 2. the land. 3. 'grove', earth-shrine	or tingb.. (and so all cpds.): tiŋbaŋ jema yilli 'national anthem' 'country-praises song' <i>KO</i>
tingboŋ	tiŋbana		n.	land, country	<i>KO</i> or tingb.. (and so all cpds.): tiŋbaŋ jema yilli 'national anthem' 'country-praises song'
tingbaŋ					
tiŋkasi			n.	holy land	<i>KO</i>
tiŋkpam	tiŋkpam		n.	a small plant.	
	a				
tiŋkpannira	tiŋkpann		n.	villager	<i>KO</i>
	ima				
tiŋkpanya	tiŋkpans		n.	a village.	
	i				
tiŋli			adv.	bottom, lower side of ..	

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tiŋŋmaj				(indicating a location); down, below	
tiŋmara	tiŋmarb	n.		hypocrisy	<i>KO</i>
a		n.		1. tale-bearer 2. hypocrite 3. liar.	
tiŋpuuni		n.		town, downtown	<i>KO</i>
tiŋsun		n.		heaven	<i>KO</i> ‘good (holy) country’
tintariga		n.		border	<i>KO see tintariga</i>
tiŋvurigu	tiŋvura	n.		serpent, reptile ‘ground-creeper’	<i>KO</i>
tiŋvurili	tiŋvura	n.		serpent	<i>KO or tin- ; cf. tiŋvuriga</i> <i>KO = tipuwumli ?</i> ‘disobedience’? - or tree-something-branch
tipielga	tipielsi	n.		a flat race. ???	
tipielga	tipielsi	n.		a leguminous tree with a mass of mauve blossoms.	
tipoyu	tipori	n.		bark	<i>KO</i>
tipuwumlila		n.		disobedient person; dissident	<i>KO tibli bu wum -li lana</i> ear won’t hear N.sx owner
na					
tiri		n.		vomit; the substance vomited.	
tiri -ta		v.		1. to point at 2. to hand over to 3. to bud 4. to be ill (of fowls) 5. to shrink 6. to shrivel up (as a sick person) 7. tiri gbiní , to retreat; to draw back.	
tirsi -ra		v.		1. to move oneself 2. to shift oneself 3. to move aside 4. to push aside 5. to stand aside 6. to draw together; to huddle. 7. to ejaculate (semen)	tirisi (dabsili) zali ‘put.off the.day stand.down’ <i>KO</i>
tisuyu		n.		midnight	<i>KO</i>
tisum		n.		white juice from plants usually sticky	<i>KO ti.sum</i> tree-sap or -resin
titabli	titaba	n.		an herb used to cure boils, or anthrax.	
titali	titaya	a.		large; big (also titoyu).	
titoyu	titaja	n.		big; large (also titali).	
tiwalli	tiwalla	n.		fruit	<i>KO</i>
tiyawumia	tiyawum	n.		a giant.	
	ianima				
Tiyawumia	Tiyawun	n.		name to a child who is thought to have died and been reborn by the same mother.	
	ianima				
tizoo	tizohi	n.		a parasitic plant.	
tizuyu	tizuyri	n.		a head pad.	

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to		excl.		1. all right (an expression signifying affirmation or agreement) 2. ai to , well, alright (there is a manner of saying this that shows doubtful agreement.). 3 new paragraph marker in extended discourse.	
to		a. v.		1. to be bitter. to be difficult 3. to be hard to do 4. to be hot (as a pepper).	(a pluralized form is made by the use of ' bintori '.).
to -ra		v.		1. to butt 2. to punch.	prob. = to 'pound, shoot'
to -ra		v.		1. to shoot an arrow 2. to pound a mortar 3. to dance a woman's dance 4. to tete , to play a game called ' tete '. 5. to jina to take counsel	
toyi		v.		imitate	<i>KO</i>
toyi		adv.		towards.	
toyi -ra		v.		to fall in drops.	
toyima	toyimani	n.		1. a 'namesake' 2. persons or things with the same name.	
	ma				
toysi		v.		drip (e.g. water)	<i>KO</i>
toysi -ra		v.		1. to speak 2. to tell 3. to imitate.	
toyu	tori	n.		basketwork fish trap.	
tobbia	tobbihi	n.		soldier, warrior (traditional)	<i>KO</i>
tobu	tobri	n.		1. a bow 2. a battle 3. guri tobu , to string a bow for shooting.	
toha	tohanim	n.		1. a hunter	
	a			2. anthrax.	
tohabaying	tohabayi	n.		local <i>bauhinia</i> .	
u	ma or				
	tohabayi				
	nsi				
tohi		v.		pluck (e.g. fruit)	<i>KO</i> : general or many
tohi -ra		v.		1. to subscribe 2. to give extra in a purchase 3. to catch in a trap 4. to tear repeatedly (of cloth).	
tohigi -ra		v.		to sever at once.	pluck single fruit
tohigu		n.		hunting	<i>KO go tohigu</i> (tone H L L H) 'to hunt'
tohili	toha	n.		the extra something given in a purchase 'dash'.	
tokofa	tokofani	n.		1. six-pence coin	.05 of a cedi
	ma			2. six pence value. (ED).(takofa, WD).	

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tolana	tolanani		n.	1. Supreme leader or owner 2. after-birth.	
tolga	toli		n.	a locust.	
toli	toya		n.	a mortar.	
toli		pron.		added to pronouns to make them reflexive/possessive; N toli , myself.	
toli			a.	1. alone 2. independent 3. own 4. din toli , independent:	'very.own' = MP toori in u toori duu 'his own room', (do something) u toori '..by himself, on his own, from his own resources'. see maja
tolim -nda			v.	1. to ask someone to carry a message, if it does not too seriously inconvenience him 2. to order something through another person(ED).	O din toli Naa n-nye o. He is an independent chief. (talim , WD q.v.).
tom			n.	bitterness, difficulty	
tonj	tonja (WD) or tondi (ED)		n.	1. a trap 2. a snare.	
tonj -da			v.	1. to develop; ramify grow vines, creepers <i>KO</i> 2. to prosper, progress with business affairs 3. to aid 4. to help by advancing money or goods 5. tonj taba , to be linked together.	
tonbu			n.	betterment, development	<i>KO</i>
tooi		v.(no tenses)		1. to be able to	[with future tense (<i>cf. nyaj</i>)]
)		2. to take from a quantity 3. to tear a fibre from a fibrous plant.	di yi tooi biela 'in a short while' [? which sense?]
tooji			n.	church	<i>KO</i> < Hausa coci
toondaantal			n.	leadership	<i>KO</i>
i					
toondana	toondan		n.	leader	<i>KO</i>
	nima				
tooni		n.		front; being first; as PREP 'in front, ahead' (see gbinni , note)	<i>KO</i> <i>see next (N'a tooni. - greeting to someone who went ahead of you and got there first)</i> be tooni 'lead' (lit.: be in front): <i>cf. toondana tooni</i> benibu 'leading'
tooni		adv.		1. ahead; in front of 2. first 3. before (positionally) 4. past (in relation to time).	<i>see prev</i>
tooni		n.		an epithet meaning sexual	euphemism - lit. 'front'

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toozo	toozoni ma tora	n.		organ (either male or female). the hump on a cow or a camel.	< Hausa - cf./ct. gurigu
torli					
toro	toronim a	n.		an eagle; the largest of all the hawks.	
torotoro	torotoro nima	n.		a sleeveless gown.	
toto	totonima	n.		turkey.	< Hausa
tu -ra		v.		1. a subscription 2. tohi toto , to pay a subscription. 1. to abuse 2. to suffer.	
tu		v.		put sth. in a hole (e.g. thread a needle); to string beads.	<i>KO</i>
tu		v.		be straight; be suitable, right	<i>KO tu kpayu</i> ‘be desirable’
tu		v.		trip, stumble	<i>KO</i> rather or also tuui q.v. as MP ?
tua				see tuu	
tubaani		n.		a food prepared from bean-flour.	
tuyi -ra		v.		1. to join together (of rope, wood, etc.) 2. to carry a person on the shoulder 3. to go in single file. 4. to resume (activity) where one left off	
tuyli -nda		v.		1. to cause a quarrel 2. to make a smudge 3. to smoke (as a fire).	? ‘put them head-to-head’ - causative of tuyi ?
tuyligu		v.n.		1. quarreling., 2. smoking.	
tuyili	tuya	n.		a joint (anatomical, or any two long objects end-to-end)	<i>KO</i>
tuyu	turi	n.		1. a baobab pod 2. a wild animal of the cat family.	
tuha		n.		card. number. 10,000 and over.	‘thousands’ see tuhili
tuhi -ra		v.		1. to meet someone (as on the road) 2. to fight (of groups not of individuals)	
tuhili		n.		3. tuhi nintori , to spit 4. to be straight 5. to be correct; to be right; to be true (always in one form: di tuhiya). card. number, one thousand. (‘ tusi ’ is used up to 10,000)	tuhi tobu ‘war against’; tuhi taba ‘make war on each other’ <i>KO</i>

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tuhijmamb uyu	tuhijma mbuyri	n.		and the ‘i’ is elided upon the addition of a qualifying number: tus’ata , three thousand.). a spittoon.	
tuhituhili tukari		num.		1.000.000	<i>KO</i> ‘1000 1000s
tukarinom		n.		fresh leaves of the baobab tree used for broth.	
tukpilli tula	tukpila	n. a. v.		dried and pounded leaves of the baobab. the seeds of the baobab. 1. to be hot 2. to be warm (of the weather) 3. to be active 4. to be smart, to be intelligent.	
tulali	tulalinim a	n.		perfume.	(< Hausa turare)
tulga	tulsi	n.		pestle	<i>KO</i> also tiliga q.v.
tuli		n.		bean (white), cow-pea	<i>KO</i> see also tuuli
tuulituya					
tulim		n.		heat.	
tulim		a.		hot (liquid).	
tuliŋkpi	tuliŋkpi nima	n.		hornbill (bird). (WD: kpiliŋkpi , ED).	
tulli	tula	a.		warm, hot	<i>KO</i>
tum		adv.		since	<i>KO</i> (< Hausa tun)
tum -da		v.		1. to work 2. to forget how to do 3. to forget people, places or directions.	? 2/3 error for tam ?
tuma		n.		work.	rare sg. tumli , tumni , tunni , tuuni - ‘one job, piece of work’: talahi tuuni ‘duty’ : talahi ‘necessity’ (< Hausa tilas) + tumni (sg. of tuma) tuma duu ‘office’ ‘work room’ <i>KO</i>
tumo	tumba or <i>KO</i> tuumba	n.		a messenger, errand boy; delegate; apostle.	
tumpani	tumpana	n.		a state drum introduced from Ashanti.	
tumtumda	tumtum diba	n.		a workman; a labourer.	
tumtumdik pee		n.		co-worker	<i>KO</i> ‘work-working-neighbour’
tunatu		n.		lines on the ground as game	<i>KO</i>
tuntumsa		n.		acts, works	<i>KO</i>
tuŋ	tundi	n.		1. ease, easiness 2. convenience.	
tuŋkurguna yili-nima		n.		men of ancient times.	? <i>chiefs</i> of ancient times. ?

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tuŋkursli		n.		ancient times.	
tuŋkuruwu		n.		men of old.	
na					
turata		a.		disorderly.	
turi		n.		1. abuse 2. kpa turi , to incur abuse.	
turon kaa		n.		car	<i>KO</i> (< Hausa European ‘car’) ? obs.?
tutuyu	tuturi	n.		a shrub, a bush.	<i>not</i> ‘the ‘bush’’
tuturi		n.		insults	<i>KO</i> sg/pl? - prob. a mass noun (like sayiri) tu- ‘an insult’ - tu- ‘to insult’ - ri (sx.) like tuntumda ‘work-worker’
tuu	tuhi	n.		the baobab tree.	
tuuba		n.		1. repentance 2. niŋ tuuba , to repent.	(Arabic< Hausa). Change religious allegiance, not necessarily heart or behaviour Proverb: Zahim tuubaani, di yi bi nyaysa, amaa di lee be buyimata . If the <i>tuubaani</i> fish is not tasty, then it is very soft.
tuubaani		n.	f	fish sp.	
tuubara		n.		a spasm of hiccoughing, thought to precede death.	
tuui -ra		v.		1. to mash in water 2. to stumble, trip 3. to fail to meet (as a belt).	
tuui		v.		to do .. first	<i>KO tuui nya</i> ‘discover’ ‘be.first to.find’ tuui daa ‘buy first, preempt’ <i>see</i> next
tuui		adv.		first:	A ni tuui gbaai ziŋ sheli, yihim li n-ti ba . When you first catch a fish, remove it and give to them. [this is a <i>verb</i> - <i>see</i> prev.]
tuuli	tuuya	n.		a bean (cow pea, black-eyed pea)	<i>KO tuli</i> q.v.
tuuli		a.		first one.	<i>see</i> next
tuuli		n.		first rank	<i>KO</i> <i>see</i> prev
tuunbaŋda	tuunbaŋ	n.		craftsman, artisan	KO tun- cf. tuntunda
tuunbieyu	diba				
tuunbieyu	tuunbier	n.		crime , sin	<i>KO tun-</i> or <i>tum-</i> cf. tuma : tuumbieri kabu ‘confession of sins’ : tum- cf. tuma
tuunkua	tuunkuh	n.		waste	<i>KO</i>
tuunkpieŋ	tuunkpe	n.		tedious job	<i>KO tun-</i> cf. tuma
Tuure		n.		Europe (< Hausa); London	<i>KO</i>
tuuta		n.		flag (< Hausa)	<i>KO gbaai tuuta</i> ‘give up’: lit. ‘hold a flag’ (of surrender?) e.g. a woman calls her younger sister ‘ tuzo ’ and her brother, ‘ tuzodoo ’; a boy calls his
tuzo	tuzonim	n.		younger brother or sister of the same sex;	
	a				
	(sometim				

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	es ‘tuzohi’				younger brother tuzo and his sister tuzopay'a . <i>see bie'li</i>
tuzobia	tuzobihi	n.		nephew or niece ('sibling's child')	<i>KO NB ct. tuzobila</i> ‘little sibling’
tuzodoo	tuzodab ba			girl's brother (any age)	<i>see tuzopay'a</i>
tuzopaya	tuzopaya ba			boy's sister (any age)	<i>see tuzodoo</i>
tuzuþu	tuzuþri	n.		pad of protection for head load	<i>KO</i>
V					
va		v.		to up and .. (semantically auxiliary verb)	<i>KO va n-yi na</i> ‘debut’ ‘up.and exit hither’ → ‘come out’: ? rather, or also, n-vaai
va -ra		v.		1. to wrestle 2. to struggle with.	
va		v:		collect from ground	<i>KO va ȝi</i> ‘go beyond a limit’ (‘collect and carry’? (ȝi ?)) : <i>see vaai</i>
vaai -ra		v.		1. to gather (inanimate things) together 2. to gather a following 3. vaai n-zi , to think too much of oneself; to be conceited 4. vaai guui , to run quickly or suddenly.	(many objects) <i>see va</i>
vabga	vabsi	n.		the red, silkcotton tree; <i>Bombax buonopozense</i> .	
vabpum		n.		flowers of silkcotton	<i>KO see vabga, pum</i>
vagoyu	vagori	n.		a wrestling ring.	
valga	valsi	n.		a game animal of the antelope family.	
vali	vala	n.		1. grass heaps ready for burning 2. grass hoed down but not yet put into heaps.	(grass and crop residues from previous year's farm/fallow)
vali		n.		wrestling.	
vali -nda		v.		1. to swallow 2. suhu vali , to forget.	
valima		a. v.		1. to be active 2. to be alert.	
valinj		n.		fastness, quickness	<i>KO</i>
valli	vala	n.		shrub bearing edible berries.	
valsi -ra		v.		to frighten (ED: varsi , WD).	
varsi -ra		v.		to frighten (WD: valsi , ED).	
varanda		n.		veranda	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
varisa		n.		treachery	<i>KO</i>
varisigu		n.		treacherous thing	<i>KO</i>
ve		v.		smear	<i>KO</i>
vebga	vebsi	n.		tsetse fly.	

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veei -ra		v.		1. to scrape the hair off the skin 2. to bruise 3. to remove the outer skin by bruise.	
veeni -nda		v.		1. to be becoming or to be suitable (of clothes, etc.): 2. to be expedient:	Di veen' o. It suits him.
vehi -ra		v.		to scrape or clean with the finger.	
velinga		a.		nice, pretty	<i>KO</i> see vielli
venyela		n.		decency; niceness	<i>KO</i>
venyelinga		adv.		1. well 2. thoroughly.	vihi venyelinga 'look into sth. carefully' <i>KO</i>
vi				1. shame 2. bashfulness 3. di vi , to be ashamed 4. mali vi , to be shameful 5. zo vi , to be modest; to be bashful 6. dihī vi , to shame 7. vi dirli (pl. dirba), a person who is not restrained by protocol; a person who is ashamed.	more what you feel than what people feel about you :
vi -ra		v.		1. to spread soup on food 2. to spread grass on roof.	
vibgi -ra		v.		1. to cave in (as floor or grave) 2. to have a hole in (as a pot) 3. to punch a hole in (as a mat or cloth).	
vibi -ra		v.		1. to fan 2. to shake the hands.	
viebi -ra		v.		to bruise the skin; to graze, skin (as to skin the shins).	<i>cf. fiebi</i>
viela		a. v.		1. to be beautiful 2. to be good.	all forms or visual (<i>cf. nyaysa</i>) desirability - pretty, beautiful, handsome, clean, also more generally good, OK
vielga	vielsi	a		1. beautiful 2. fine 3. good.	
vielim		n.		1. beauty 2. goodness 3. fineness.	
vielli	viela	a.		1. beautiful 2. fine 3. good.	
viykpilieyu	viykpilie ri	n.		small owl.	

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viyu	viri	n.		an owl.	
vihi -ra		v.		1. to look (with the idea of finding something) 2. to examine closely 3. to search a person or house 4. to consult a soothsayer.	vihi nya ‘detect’ ‘investigate and discover’ vihi venyelinga ‘look into sth. carefully’
vihigu	vhisi	n.		research, investigation	KO (pl. ?? TN)
vii -ra		v.		1. to open slightly in order to peep into 2. vii gbinni, to reveal a secret; to divulge.	
viili -nda		v.		1. to swing around. 2. to strut.	
vilgi -ra		v.		to unwind (as a bandage).	
vilgu	vla	n.		a bandage.	
vili -nda		v.		1. to wrap around 2. to tie around; to bandage 3. to entwine.	
vim		adv.		description of sweet smell	KO
vimsi -ra		v.		to tie tightly (as a bandage).	
vini	viniya	excl.		1. Be off. ! 2. Go away! (said to an inferior).	
vinyayli		n.		1. laziness 2. slothfulness	(also gbinayayli and zinayayli). [MP is gbin-nyag- or zin-nyag-, but in an expressive word like this there may be further variants : I recorded vinyayili in Tamale and NT has gbinnyay- TN]
vinyaylana	vinyayni	n.		lazy person	
	ma				
viri -ta		v.		1. to observe the rite of mashing a piece of liver or new yam on the place of sacrifice 2. to go on an adventure.	
virli		n.		1. a birth place 2. origin.	
virli		n.		a stream	
vo		v.		pull; pull along, as trolley, lead along; siphon	KO
voyi -ra		v.		1. to eat a hole (as a canker) 2. to make a chink; to erode (as rain).	
voyu	vari	n.		leaf	
vobsi -ra		v.		1. to peep 2. to glance.	
voli	voya	n.		a hole.	
vooi		v.		pull	KO
vooi -ra		v.		1. to wrinkle 2. vo n-vomi, to be wrinkled.	
vu -ra		v.		1. to rumble (of a heavy storm	O ninni vo n-vomi. His face is wrinkled.

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				or a moving lorry) 2. to threaten (of a storm) 3. vu vuri , to quarrel. 4. to drag	
vua	vuhi	n.		1. a type of magic medicine 2. a charm to bring one luck.	
vuya	vuysi	n.		1. ridge, furrow 2. a row of yam mounds.	
vuyi -ra		v.		1. to uproot 2. to pull (as teeth).	
vuylaa	vuylahi	n.		a guide row of first row made in a farm.	
vuyli -nda		v.		1. to humbug 2. to disturb 3. to be importunate.	
vuyu	vuri	n.		1. a quarrel 2. brawl. (<i>vide</i> ‘ vuri ’).	
vuyu	vuysi	n.		bed	<i>KO</i> good-quality sleeping-mat? ?? sg. vuga ?
vuhi -ra		v.		1. to breathe 2. to rest 3. to expire 4. to urinate. (?? <i>TN</i>)	
vhim		n.		1. breath 2. rest.	
Vuhim Kasi		n.		Holy Spirit	vhim dabsili ‘day of rest, sabbath’ &c. (usually R.C. usage – Protestant Shia Kasi). <i>see next</i>
vuli -nda		v.		1. to whistle 2. vuli vulingga , to whistle (as a tune).	
vuli		v.		1. to roast 2. to cook over an open fire.	? also ‘burn oneself’ (injury) as in MP ?? <i>TN</i>
vulinvuña (ED)	vulinvun	n.		mud wasp.	
vulinvuña (WD)	si				
vulinga	vulinsi	n.		a whistling.	
vulyu	vula	n.		reedbuck	(vuldibga , male form).
vullo	vullonim	n.	s	1. track of snake 2. anything drawn on the ground.	
	a				
vum		a.		sweet-smelling	<i>KO cf. vim</i>
vuri		n.		noise.	
vurititi		a.		sweet-smelling	<i>KO</i>
vurli		n.		origin	<i>KO</i> : ? burli ?
vuui -ra		v.		1. to lessen; to reduce 2. to be withdrawn (as a rule or a law) 3. to draw near together.	(vuurimi is the tense most commonly used).
vuyakpibga	vuyakpi	n.		a child of paupers.	? <i>orphan</i> of ... ?
	bsi				

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W					
wa	-ra	v.		to dance.	
wa		v.		be going (see wara)	<i>KO AJN entry :</i>
waa	wahi	n.		dance.	
waa	wahi	n.		field, plot of sth. (e.g. okro)	<i>KO</i>
waai	-ra	v.		1. decay (like in animals) decompose	Dun bi waara. Enmity never dies.
				2. to wither	
				3. to dry up (of dead bodies)	
				4. to slacken, loosen	
				5. Idiom: to die,	
waai	-ra	v.		to dye a cloth	
waai	-ra	v.		to cook partially	
waai		v.		slacken, loosen (? waai 'parboil' is a special use of this?)	<i>KO AJN entry : cf. waysi, MP waai</i>
waaka		n.		yoke	<i>KO ((?? Eng. yoke > yooka > waaka (because 'w' has more affinity for 'o' than 'y' has)??)) (or > ook > ?)</i>
waari		n.		cold weather.	
waasiman		n.		watchman	<i>KO <English</i>
waato		conj.		so, then	<i>KO (< Hausa)</i>
waawaayili		adv.		often	<i>KO</i>
waazu		n.		sermon; a discourse	
waazu	waazu	n.		preacher.	
yihira	yihirba	n.		1. certainty	
waazibu		n.		2. truth	
				3. usefulness;	
				4. wonder; (In this sense, it is equivalent to ' alahaziba ' q.v.).	Bim bo waazibu mbojo? What is the use of this?
waazibu		adv.		1. certainty	
				2. truly.	
waC... see also woC					
wabsa		n.		a shrub used for sweeping the floor. (<i>vide</i>).	
wabsi		v.		1. to become thin	
				2. to strip off leaves.	
wabu		n.		dancing	<i>KO</i>
wachi		n.		chill	< Hausa (or 'wochi').
waygabli	waygaba	n.		long snake.	
waygurga	waygursi	n.	d	a disease that causes one to stoop over.	
wayilim		n.		distance	<i>KO</i>
wayilinli	wayilima	n.		blister	<i>KO</i>

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wáymáhilì	wáymáh à	n.	s	African python.	<i>Python sebae</i>
waymoyu	waymori	n.	v	creeper which is used to cure convulsions.	et. ‘snake-grass’
waysi		v.		slacken, let loose a little (like bolts or knots)	<i>KO</i>
wayvandiga	wayvand isi	n.	b	heron.	
wáy3éyù	wáy3éri	n.	s	red snake. moves rapidly, climbs trees	
wahala		n.		1. suffering 2. trouble 3. di wahala , to suffer 4. nya wahala , to experience suffering 5. niŋ wahala , to trouble; to torment.	
wahi -ra		v.		1. to bark (of a dog) 2. to bounce (as a baby) 3. to whirl a spindle 4. to prune; to trim.	
wahi		v.		make someone dance	<i>KO</i>
wahiika		n.		letter	<Hausa but see washiika
wáhù	yúrî	n.	s	snake.	(way-)cf. yuyu
wáhù	yúrî	n.	da	horse	horse is commonly spelt wəhu to distinguish it from snake. (wor-) cf. yuyu : wordibga , male form.
wahumabile	wahuma	n.	i	centipede	pl. should be ...ra
rgu	bilela			‘baby python’?	
wai		excl.			<i>KO</i>
wakarti		n.		expression of fear or surprise time (a period of time).	(Arabic via Hausa); (or wakatti)
wala see		conj.		or	
walla		conj.			
walachi		conj.		whether [used in alternative clauses, either at the beginning or between the clauses, but only used once]	(Ha). Walachi o ni kana zuŋo , a sa ni kana bieyoni, m bi baŋ . Whether he will come today or tomorrow, I do not know.
walansi		n.		radio, wireless set	<English
walapuyu	walapuri	n.		tree of which the roots are used as medicine.	
walga	walsi	n.	m	oribi	waldibga , male form.
wali	wanda	v.		to bear fruit.	
waljira		n.	p	senior woman of house	<i>KO</i> or warjira (< Hausa uwargida ‘woman of the house’)
walla		adv.		1. whether (when introducing a sentence) 2. of course (when used sentence final).	
walli	wala	n.	tp	fruit. (~ of a tree - see tiwalli)	
wanjam ni		av.p.		in detail	
changam					

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wanzam	wanzam	n.		1. a barber, circumciser 2. epithet of a leopard.	< Hausa
	nima or				
	wanzam				
	a				
wara	waraya	excl.		Go; Go away; Be off.	? see next
wara		v.		be going (only used for present action in progress) - basic verb	KO ? see prev.
				is wa , this is imperfect	
wari		n.		coldness	<i>KO</i> wari mali ma ‘I am/feel cold’; wari be-ni ‘it/weather is cold’ : cf. walgu (opposite)
					<i>KO</i>
wari		v.		to nurse seeds later for transplant	
washiika	washiika	n.		letter.	< Hausa
	nima				
wawa		n.		climbing plant.	
wawara	wawarib	n.		dancer	<i>KO</i>
	a				
wawayili		adv.		often; frequently.	
wawuluŋ		n.		1. laziness 2. slothfulness.	
waya		n.		wire; wire-netting; bracelets, rings made from copper wire	<i>KO</i> <English
wayo		n.		1. conceit 2. mali wayo , to be conceited.	
wee	wehi	n.		fish	
wee	wehi	a		old	(used in compounded words: kobwee , old bone)
wei		excl.		expression of surprise or sorrow or incredulity.	
weyo		excl.		an expression of pity and sorrow.	
we		v.		to go. Ya ka a we? Where are you going?	= wa
welgi		v.		to differ	<i>KO</i> = wolgi q.v.
wii	wihi	n.	mi	cruciform whistle	(ED) yua , WD).
woC... see also waC					
woya		v.		perspiration heat of the weather.	nyeei woligu ‘wipe sweat’ walgu be-ni ‘it/the weather is hot
woyawoya		a.		soft	
woyi	-ra	v.		to hatch.	
woyirli	woyira	n.		1. powerful person 2. notable person 3. strong person 4. fat person.	
				1. general laughter 2. general talk.	
woyiwoyi		n.			
woyli	woyla	a.		1. long 2. tall 3. high.	

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woyli -nda		v.		to make a noise	Banima n-woyinda duu maa ni? Who are they making noise in the room?
woylim -nda		v.		to blister.	
woylnli	woylima	n.	bm	1. an eruption on the body 2. a blister.	
woysi -ra		v.		1. to escape, as air from a tire 2. to deflate 3. to be reduced in size 4. to recede, as a river.	
woyu	woyri	n.		shell of nut, egg; box (of matches)	<i>KO</i>
woyu	woya	a.		tall, high, far	
wobga	wobsi	n.		1. a cripple 2. a lame person 3. a person with a crooked leg or crooked foot.	
wobgu	wobri	n.		elephant	woblaa , male form.
wobi -ra		v.		1. to strip leaves off 2. to have the first sexual intercourse with a widow after the funeral rites 2. to rub the body, as in cases of pneumonia or when bitten by a snake or stung by a scorpion.	
wobnyini	wobnyin a	n.		ivory; tusk	<i>KO</i> ‘elephant-tooth’!
wochi		n.		chill	< Hausa (also wachi).
wohi		v.		to trim, prune, cut to size	<i>KO</i> bark is wahi (<i>vide wollya</i>).
wolga	wolsi	n.		a helmet; a hat; Moore hat	
wolga	wolsi	n.		wooden slate.	
wolgi -ra		v.		1. to separate 2. to divide 3. to be different.	
wolgibu		n.		division ; difference	<i>KO</i>
woli		v.		separate	<i>KO woli noya</i> ‘cause division, dissension’
woli		n.		‘warri’ : a West African game.	noya wolibu ‘disunity, division’ ‘mouths separation’ It is played on the ground or on a board with two rows of six holes. The object is to capture the opponent’s stones or seeds. There are several ways of playing the game.
wólígú		n.		hot season. Usually lasts 3 months, February-April	walgu mali ma ‘I am/feel hot’; also waligu KO
wolim -nda		v.		1. to strive for 2. to persevere 3. to travail.	<i>KO wolim je</i> ‘make efforts in vain; be in vain’; ‘try and fail’

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wolliya	wolliysi	n.		helmet; hat; Moose hat	(<i>vide ‘wolga’</i>).
wolshieu	wolshieri	n.		a skin rash.	
wolsi -ra		v.		1. to travail 2. to attempt 3. to try.	
wooi		v.		cut apart	<i>KO</i>
wopuuni		n.		acute stomach-ache.	
worbaŋli		n.		wild beans, used for feeding horses.	
worbarsili		n.		a horse dance, performed in a ring.	
wòrgú	wòrá	n.		fallow ground that is cleared for planting cereals and pulses	
wori -ta		v.		1. to split wood with an axe 2. to hoe up the first side of a ridge.	
woribali		n.		horse-riding	<i>KO</i>
worikpaa		n.		picket, peg to tether horse	<i>KO</i>
worimochi	worimoc	n.		1. a horse boy	
ma	himba	n.		2. a groom.	
workariwan		n.		horse grass.	
a					
worlani	worlana	n.		yam cultivar	et. ‘horse-testicle’
worlimo	worlimo	n.		1. a horse bell	
	nima			2. a hand bell.	
wòri-mórí	—	n.		any horse-grass	
wornimpoy	wornimp	n.		leather horse-‘blinder’ (Am.) -	
u	ari			blinker (Br.).	
wornyyanpa	wornyyan	n.		saddle cloth.	
rgu	para				
wua wuu	wuhi	n.	r	Nile monitor lizard	<i>Varanus niloticus</i>
wubga	wubsi	n.		1. the kite	
				2. a sparrow hawk.	
wublim		n.		striga.	
wubsi -ra		v.		1. to train up a child	
				2. to educate	
				3. to nurse a tree. (also ‘wumsi’).	
wuyi	-ra	v.		to weave.	
wuypilli	wuypila	n.		1. a canoe shaped basket	
				2. the roll of newly-woven cloth on the loom.	
wuysi -ra		v.		1. to pick cotton	
				2. to test the priming of a gun	
wuysi		v.p.		to warm oneself by the fire	
buyim					
wuhi	-ra	v.		1. to teach	
				2. to show	
				3. to reveal.	
wuhi		v.p.		to mean	lit.: show the meaning
gbuuni					
wuhira	wuhiriba	n.		teacher	<i>KO</i>
wuhiro		n.		Sabbath	<i>KO</i>

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wula		int.		how? : as an introductory 2. What ...? Wula mbala? How is that? Di chan wula. ‘How come?’: Ni wula? (tone H H ! L) ‘what do you mean? what’s up?’ (ni is the quotative particle (‘(you/they say) that how?’)	Ni wula!?! ‘What the ** are you up to/do you mean by it?’ Di ni niŋ ti wula? What will it do to us? Wula ka o yeli ya? What did he say to you?
wulana	wulanni	n.		the first elder in the Council (the spokesman to and for the chief).	the wullana acts as intermediary between a chief or similar office-holder and the public, repeats speeches of each to the other, passes on gifts (<i>i.e.</i> when you are greeting the chief he gives the wullana kola to give to you; if you want to give the chief a gift or a message, you give it to the wullana who gives it to the chief) ‘linguist’ is GE particularly for Twi <i>Okyeame</i> which is a similar functionary in Ashanti courts. <i>TN</i>
wuleyu	wuleri	n.		scar	<i>KO</i>
wulfu	wulfuni	n.		1. a slave-born child 2. nam wulfu , a child from royalty on both sides.	
wulgi -ra		v.		1. to spread, as news 2. to dissolve.	
wuli -ra		v.		1. to spread, as news 2. to dissolve.	
wulijo	wulijoni	n.		sweet potato.	
wulimpuhili		n.		the east.	
wulinluhili		n.		the west.	
wulija	wulinsi	n.		1. sun (usually ‘ wuntanya ’) 2. Idiom: one’s lucky star 3. ŋma wulija , to shorten a journey before the appointed time.	
wuliwuli		adv.		1. entirely 2. altogether.	
wulli	wula	n.		1. branch of a tree 2. root of a tree.	
wulu		n.		a disease which destroys the sexual organ.	
wum		n.		1. relief 2. niŋ wum , to relieve.	

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wum	-da	v.		1. to hear 2. to understand 3. to listen 4. to obey 5. to sense: that is, to feel, to taste, to smell 6. to tire, impers. v.	
wum damli		v.p.		to hear news about	
wum noli		v.p.		to obey	
wumpayli		n.		God's blessing. (said to express gratitude).	
wumsi -ra		v.		to train; to execute; to nurse.	(<i>vide</i> 'wubsi').
wumsim		n.		1. tiresomeness 2. fatigue 3. weariness.	
wunbila		n.		demi-god	<i>KO</i> 'small.gods'
wundabli	wundab	n.		1. a righteous person 2. a servant of God.	
a					
wuni	wuna	n.		1. a god 2. an ancestral deity in the form of a ball of 'swish' (&c.), usually placed on a wall or in a calabash or tortoise shell and kept in the woman's room.	<i>cf.</i> Naawuni . : personal shrine, 'fetish' (<i>not</i> a personal being) <i>TN</i>
wuni		n.	cl	general term for the hot season	
wuniyum		n.		euphemism for leprosy.	
wunluhili		n.		the west	also wulinluhili
wunni		prep.		1. by the aid of 2. through the medium of 3. for the sake of.	This is probably a contraction of either 'wuni' or 'Naawuni' meaning, 'God', suffixed with 'ni', meaning 'with'. In other words, 'with God'. It is, however, always used with the idea of getting consideration from a person who has the means to help. For example: a person who owns a car says to one without transport, ' Di pasheli a ni sa paai Savelugu bieyoni. ' 'Perhaps you will reach Savelugu to tomorrow.' He answers, ' A zuyu ni wunni n sa ni paai. ' 'Because of you, through the medium of which, I shall arrive there.' Meaning, literally, 'With your help and with God, I will arrive there.'

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wuntaja	wuntansi	n.		1. the sun 2. day time 3. daylight 4. noon-tide.	also ‘home’ <i>KO</i> (??) wuntaŋ ni ‘midday, afternoon’; ‘in the sun, in the hot part of the day’ wuntaŋni wuntaŋni ‘in the afternoons, every afternoon’ wuntaŋa bindirigu ‘lunch’ wuntaŋa be ni ‘it is hot’ (lit.: there is heat) - cf. walgu KO <i>KO</i> your (also) ‘midnight’ - must be some mistake!
wuntaŋni		n.		in the afternoon	
wuntaŋsoli	wuntaŋs oya	n.		morning or evening rays of the sun. (WD).	
wuntaŋyma lli		adv.		between 1 and 4 o’clock p.m.	<i>KO</i> ? w- mahili ‘-coolness’ ?
wuntaŋsom	wuntaŋs oma	n.		morning or evening rays of the sun. (ED).	
wuntaŋzuys aa		n.		noonday, ‘sun overhead’	<i>KO</i>
wuntia	wuntii	n.		righteousness.	Church word : wuntii tuma ‘righteous actions’
wuntizora	wuntizor ba	n.		righteous person.	Church word :
wuntoyu	wuntori	n.		sun	archaic form of wuntaŋa
wunzuli	wunzuya	n.		1. bad character 2. bad habit.	
wunzuni	wunzuna	n.	mi	very small bell; a toy bell.	
wurgu		n.		1. chaff, powdery chaff- like Bengal bean dust 2. husks of grain.	
wurikoyu		n.	i	termites	<i>KO</i>
wurim -nda		v.		1. to disperse 2. to dismiss 3. to fall to pieces.	
wurimbu		n.		dispersal	<i>KO</i>
wuui -ra		v.		1. to become soft after soaking, dissolve 2. to reveal a secret 3. to grow fat again after a sickness 4. to fail to wash properly.	
wuuni		n.		dry season.	

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ya		n.	1. home town 2. country 3. native land.
ya		pron.	second pers. pron., plural, obj. case. ‘you’.
ya	-ra	v.	1. to pick 2. to select.

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ya		int.		where?	ya ka a yi na ‘where do you come from?’
ya		aux.		tense marker for near future	ya ka a chenna/wa/wara
yaa	yahi	n.		strength.	‘where are you going to?’ <i>KO</i>
yaa		v.		to scare away birds.	<i>KO</i> (aux. v. or particle ‘gonna’)
yaa		adv.		once again, once more; as usual	<i>KO</i> (aux./ptc.)
yaai -ra		v.		1. to spread open (as the mouth) 2. to part (as fingers, hoofs, etc.) 3. to have pain (used only with ‘zuyu’) 4. to take out or to pull out anything from liquids 5. to re-open a pit or well 6. to select 7. to take a photograph.	
yaakaza		a.		1. such and such 2. a certain amount.	locative equivalent of zayla q.v.
yaamini	yaamina	n.		kidney	<i>KO</i> : also yaanni’ni q.v.
yaan		aux.		polite imperative, after a verb	
yaanemo		n.		type of small piece of cloth used as a covering by men	<i>KO</i>
yaanima		n.		ancestors.	
yaankobli	yaankob	n.		spine, backbone	<i>KO nyaan-</i> see nyaanja
yaannini	yaannin	n.	bp	kidney.	also yaamini q.v.
yaanja	yaansi	n.		1. the back 2. grandchild, descendant	(<i>vide</i> ‘nyaanja’).
yaari	yaansi	n.	p	grandchild	<i>KO</i>
yaba	yabnima	n.	p	grandparent; grandfather; ancestor	
yabdo	yaanima	n.	p	grandfather; male ancestor, forefather	<i>KO</i>
yaadaba					
yabga	yabsi	n.	h	<i>Strophanthus hispidus</i>	a plant from which poison for arrows is made.
yabga		n.		stuff (?)	<i>KO</i>
yablga	yabla	n.	f	minnow	
yabli	yaba	n.	i	termite	<i>or yobli</i>
yabpaya	yabpaya	n.		1. grandmother 2. female ancestors.	
	ba				
Yabyili		p.n.		the place of the principal fetish of Tongo.	
yaya		n.		fork (of a tree).	
yaygari		n.		Passover	<i>KO yaygari chuyu</i> ‘Passover festival/feast’: yayi ‘go over’ gari ‘pass’

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yayi -ra		v.		1. to step over 2. to pass over 3. to overflow 4. to be past 5. to exceed 6. to wash off (as plaster on a wall) 7. to cut a section of bark from a tree 8. to divide TZ, ‘sayim’, into portions 9. yayi bia zuyu , to have intercourse with married woman during the taboo period after the birth of a child.	
yayimi		v.		1. to be betwixt and between; to be similar to both; 2. to be temporarily engaged 3. to be undecided 4. to be suspended.	Zon pa la nooŋa o mi pa la biŋkobga; o yayimi. A bat is neither a bird nor an animal; he is betwixt and between.
yayli	yaya		n.	1. side 2. place. 3. sub-district, part, section <i>KO</i>	Always used in this progressive form, generally used with ‘mi’ :
yayli -nda		v.		1. to tease 2. to worry 3. to scatter, sow broadcast.	
yaymera	yaymeri		n.	potter	<i>KO</i>
ba					
yayra	yayrani		n.	small daily market held on non-market days.	Kasem or Sisala word
ma					
yayri		n.		1. fork 2. crotch.	
yayiri		n.		clay	<i>KO</i>
yaysani		n.		1. fork 2. crotch.	
yaysi -ra		v.		1. to work out cotton with the hand so that the seeds may be pressed out 2. bi (ku) yaysi , to be quick in doing. (This is always used with a negative):	Bia maa bi yaysi chandi. The child is quick in walking.
yayu		a.		1. open 2. without cover 3. out of place 4. which has lost its identity.	
yayu			n.	bead	<i>KO</i>
yaha			adv.	1. again 2. once more.	
yakpaŋa	yakpansi		n.	suburb ('houses at the side')	<i>KO</i>
yali			v.	open wide	<i>KO</i>

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yàlm	yalima	n.		salt	
yam		v.		be abundant, common	KO
yam -da		v.		to yawn.	
Ya Naa		p.n.		the Paramount Chief, King of all Dagbon. His capital has traditionally been Yendi, and for this reason he is referred to as the Chief of Yendi, though his authority and influence is over all Dagbon.	(<i>vide Ya Naa</i>).
yani		n.		the title of the Chieftaincy of Yendi 2. the town itself.	(<i>vide Ya Naa</i>).
yantibchee	yantibch	n.		great-grandchild.	
ehi					
yan	-da	v.		to pass the infant stage.	
yana	yansi	n.		grandchild.	
yarga	yarsi	a		1. rascally 2. naughty.	
ye		v.		1. to intend to 2. to be about to. (also yen).	auxiliary
ye	-ra	v.		wear, put on (garment fitting arms and shoulders, any length - bra, vest, shirt, blouse / coat, jacket / cloth, dress, suit)	KO see so , piri
ye	-ra	v.		1. to hook, pull down (e.g. locust tree pods) 2. to hook, pull up (e.g. clean out a well.)	
yeyu	yeri	n.		bead (for ornament).	
yebbia	yebbihi	n.		an iron rolling pin used to gin cotton.	
yebi	-ra	v.		1. to gin cotton with an iron roller 2. to grind sprouting guinea corn to make native beer.	
yebkuylı	yebkuya	n.		a flat smooth stone on which cotton is spread for ginning.	
yebnɔyu	yebnori	n.		bamboo roller used to gin cotton.	
yeda		n.		1. belief 2. trust 3. faith 4. nin yeda , to believe; to have faith; to trust; to agree.	< Hausa
yee	yehi	n.		1. voice 2. the jawbone of a dead animal or person.	
yeei	-ra	v.		to take off (to undress); to doff.	inverse of ye q.v.
yehi		n.		jaws. with the flesh on it.	
yelbierili		n.		painful thing	
yeldoysigu	yeldoysa	n.		nagging.	KO

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yelga	yelsi	n.		1. lying on the back 2. doni yelga , to lie on the back.	
yelgi -ra		v.		1. to widen (as a road) 2. to spread (as religion); to propagate.	
yelgu	yela	n.		1. speech 2. saying 3. word 4. concern 5. business 6. trouble 7. mishap.	
yeli		v.		put outer garments on somebody	<i>KO</i> causative of n-ye q.v.
yeli	yera	v.		1. to speak 2. to say	
yeli -nda		v.		to winnow.	
yeli zilma		v.p.		to abuse	
yelibu		n.		telling, saying, declaration	<i>KO</i> zilima yelibu ‘insulting’
yelikam		pron.		everything	<i>KO</i> yelli + kam qq.v.
yelima		a.		1. to be broad 2. to be wide.	
yelinj		n.		breadth, width	<i>KO</i>
yelinj	yelima	a.		wide	<i>KO</i>
yelinjahili	yelinha	n.		1. proverb 2. parable.	
yelivora	yelivora	n.		1. one who is quarrelsome 2. one who is talkative 3. one who draws troubles for himself.	
yelivorli	yelivora	a.		1. quarrelsome 2. talkative.	
yelkpania		n.		constitution	<i>KO</i>
yelkpeeni		n.		concern	<i>KO</i>
yelkurili	yelkura	n.		custom ‘old business’	<i>KO</i>
yelli	yela	n.		1. speech 2. saying 3. concern 4. business 5. trouble 6. mishap. 7. court-‘case’	‘palaver’
yelmahima		n.		democracy	<i>KO</i>
ŋa					
yelmanjli	yelmanja	n.		1. truth 2. true statement.	‘palaver.regular/genuine’
yelmuyisiril	yelmuyis	n.		problem ‘pressing matter’	<i>KO</i>
i	ira				
yelninđda		n.		events ‘matters happening’	<i>KO</i>
yelnli	yelima	a.		wide.	
yeltoyli	yeltoya	n.		1. talk 2. palaver 3. case in court.	<i>see yetoyli / yetoya</i>

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yeluŋ		n.		1. breadth 2. width.	
yelwumsa		n.		hearsay, rumour	KO
yelwunsa		n.			
yelyura		n.		1. one's desire 2. vain desire.	
yem	yema	n.		1. sense 2. knowledge 3. wit.	
yem		n.		evil way	sense bad.thing'
binbieyu					
yema		n.		conscience:	Niŋma a yema ni. Do according to your conscience. A yema ni ka a ni banj din tuhi. By your conscience you will know what is right. yem golingga ‘common sense
yemgolga	yemgolsi	n.		intuition.	
yen		aux.		‘gonna’ : a form of the auxiliary verb ‘ye’.	
yendana		n.		sensible person	KO
yeno	yehi	n.		jaw, with the flesh on it.	
yera yera		a.		disarranged	KO
yerga	yersi	n.		a long pole with a stick across the end like a barb, for pulling pods out of a tree.	
yergi -ra		v.		1. to spread out (as mats or grain) 2. to be abundant 3. to change yam mounds into ridges.	
yetoykaha		n.		vulgar language	KO
yetoyli	yetoya	n.		speech, word; conversation; sentence	KO : see yeltoy'li/yeltoy'a,
yi		pron.		second pers. personal pron., nom.case. ‘you’.	
yi		conj.		1. if 2. particle of condition, of first order in verb constructions, if; should.	also ‘when’ in future
yi		aux.		used to [verb always imperfective]	KO
yi -ra		v.		1. to go out 2. to do with: 3. yi na, Come out here.	O yira li bo? What has he to do with it? [yi nyaŋa ‘betray’ yi fini ‘become wretched’ yi ʒim ‘bleed’; ʒim yibu ‘bleeding’ puyisi yi ‘sneak’ out KO]
yibala	yibalani	n.		one who is a secret enemy because of envy.	
yibali	ma	n.		relative	KO

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yiblsi		n.		1. irresponsibility 2. madness caused by demon possession.	(<i>vide</i> ‘Ibilsī’).
yibilsilana	yibilsini	n.		1. an irresponsible person 2. a demon-possessed person.	
ma					
Yidanborgu		p.n.		the title of the Chief of the blacksmiths in Yendi.	
yidana	yidanni	n.		1. husband	also ‘head of family;
yilana	ma			2. house owner.	householder (GE ‘landlord’);
yiee		excl.		exclamation of pleasant surprise	<i>KO</i>
yiyi -ra		v.		1. to jump, dive 2. to fly 3. to vanish.	
yiyirigu	yiyirisı	n.		aeroplane; flying creature	<i>KO yiyirigu lubu shee</i>
yiyisi -ra		v.		1. to rise up 2. to start on a journey 3. to recur 4. to fail to fulfil 5. to pass away 6. suhu yiyisi, to become angry.	‘airport’ ‘flying. thing falling place’ : pl. shd. be yiyra
yihi	-ra	v.		1. to take out of 2. to take away 3. to be sufficient for 4. yihi nam ni, to depose 5. yihi tuma ni, to dismiss 6. to disseminate; to tell forth:	yiyisi zani ‘stand up’ yiyisi chanj ‘set off’
					yiyisi suhu ‘displease
~					~, yihi nam 3ishee ni
					‘dethrone’:
					yihi zaashee ‘dislodge’
yihi waazu		v.p.		to preach	gbaai yihi kojko ‘except for’
yihibu		n.		removal	‘grasp and remove only..’ <i>KO</i>
yihim	yihima	n.		grass for horses.	<i>KO</i>
yihuŋ		a.		former; (corresponds to the English prefix ‘ex-’).	
yiko		n.		1. power (positional) 2. authority 3. ability 4. might.	Naa-yihuŋ , former chief. ‘- removed’ (yihi) < Hausa mali yiko ‘be able’ ‘have power’ (see tooī) <i>KO</i>
yila		n.		handle	<i>KO</i>
yilbia		n.		servant	<i>KO see yinbia</i>
yilgi -ra		v.		to thin (of mortar or gruel).	
yilgu	yila	n.		horn of an animal.	
yulgula	yilguliba	n.		watchman	<i>KO</i>
yili	yiya ya	n.		1. house 2. compound.	<i>see yinjā</i>

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yili -nda		v.		1. to hang up 2. to hang (that is, to kill by hanging) 3. to leak 4. to sing 5. to clean grain in water.	yili mia ‘hang’ (a person) <i>KO</i>
yilibu		n.		leakage	<i>KO</i>
yilim	yilima	n.		1. a deep valley 2. a chasm.	‘scarp’ <i>KO</i>
yilim -nda		v.		1. to lack initiative 2. to lack application in any business; to be slothful.	
yilkperli		n.		accommodation place ‘house for going into’; rest-house; hotel	<i>KO</i> saamba yilkperli ‘guest house’
yilli	yila	n.		horn of an animal.	
yilli	yila	n.		bunch	<i>KO</i>
yilli	yila	n.		song	<i>KO</i> tingbaŋ jema yilli ‘national anthem’ ‘country-praises song’
yilpayá		n.		wife, woman in household	<i>KO</i>
yilyidana		n.		landlord	<i>KO</i>
yilyiina	yilyiinib	n.	a	singer	<i>KO</i>
yim		adv.		1. at once 2. once 3. quickly.	
yim yim		adv.		one at a time, one after the other	<i>KO</i>
yimba		adv.		one after the other	<i>KO</i>
yimba					
yin		pron.		2 pl.: yours, you who [rel.], <i>you</i> [weak emph.]	<i>KO</i> yin mini .. ‘you and ..’
yini		num.		1 (used for animate objects only)	<i>KO</i>
yinima		pron.		2 pl.: yours, you [emph.]	<i>KO</i>
yinyini		adv.		one by one (things)	<i>KO</i>
yino		n.		cardinal number, one (used for inanimate objects only).	<i>yino gaña</i> ‘one alone, unique one’ <i>KO</i>
yinoyino		adv.		one after the other (people)	<i>KO</i>
yinyaa	yinyahi	n.		a lunatic.	<i>baa yinyaa</i> ‘rabid dog’
yinyahili	yinyaha	n.		1. the likeness of madness 2. madness caused by sleeping-sickness 3. lunacy.	rabies
yinyari		n.		lunacy.	
yija	yinsi	n.		1. house 2. compound, consisting of several rooms or buildings. 3. at home [no place marker]	<i>see</i> yili
yingga		num.		one (ED).	(an emphatic form meaning ‘one only’). ‘same’ <i>KO</i>
yinbia	yinbihi	n.		servant; domestic worker	<i>KO</i> <i>see</i> yilbia

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yŋgu		n.		card. number, one (WD).	(an emphatic form meaning 'one only').
yipa		adv.		just now (past); at long last	
yirgi -ra		v.		1. to be lost 2. to be startled 3. to suffer a shock 4. to be wary 5. to blossom 6. to spread 7. to fray.	KO : aux./ptc.
yirigilnli	yirrigili	n.		a bulbous plant, the roots of which are used for medicine. (ED).	
ma					
yiriginli	yirigima	n.		a bulbous plant, the roots of which are used for medicine. (WD).	
yirigi zuyu		v.		forestall	KO
yirun		a.		1. foolish 2. worthless 3. good-for-nothing 4. to no purpose.	
yiruŋ		adv.		1. plentifully 2. very much 3. idly.	
Yisa Masia		p.n.		Jesus Christ	KO
yo		n.		forest, woodland	
yo -ra		v.		1. to shut 2. to pay	
				3. to trot (of a horse) 4. to rain steadily but not hard 5. 'bi yo' or 'ku yo', to not be expected now; (used only with the negative to give this sense) 6. yo vuri, to make a noise.	yo samli ku 'defray' 'pay debt/charge settle' KO
yoybee	yoybehi	n.		unicorn. (??)	
yoyi -ra		v.		1. to put rafters on a house 2. to swagger 3. to sprinkle liquids.	
yoyli	yoya	n.		1. an edible pumpkin 2. melon used in tanning leather.	
yoyo		int.		or not?	KO see yoyu
yoyo		int.		what?	KO see yoyu
yoyrli	yoyra	n.		a rafter.	
yoysi	yoysinim	n.		1. invisible persons believed to inhabit certain places 2. ghosts.	
	a			to sprinkle a liquid.	
yoysi -ra		v.		hole, hollow opening	KO (in trees etc. - cf. /ct. boyli, voli)
yoyu		n.			

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yoyu	yori	n.		bush country; wilderness ‘go to ~’ idiom: ‘go to W.C., latrine’; [deep bush, far away uninhabited area <i>cf. da yoyu</i> ; ‘jungle’] <i>KO</i>	yoyu dabu ‘wandering’: ? (<i>see da</i>)
yoyu	yori	a		1. hollow 2. empty.	
yoyu		int.		a word used in conversation, sentence final, giving an interrogative sense.	
yobaa	yobahi	n.		jackal, ‘fox’ (Gh.)	<i>KO</i>
yobli	yoba	n.		large termite.	
yogboŋ	yogbana	n.		foreskin of the penis.	
yogundili	yogunda	n.		circumcised penis.	
yohi		v.		open many outlets (?)	<i>KO</i>
yohi -ra		v.		1. to hoot at 2. to shout at in derision.	
yohim		v.		bluff; deceive	<i>KO yohim fa</i> ‘dupe’
yohim -nda		v.		1. to deceive 2. to tempt.	
yohinda	yohindib	n.		a deceiver.	
Yohinda	a	n.		Satan, the arch Deceiver	(an adaptation of current Christian usage).
yohinŋu		n.		1. deceit	
yohinŋ		n.		2. temptation.	
yokayinga	yokayins	n.		hardy wood roots used for medicine	(<i>vide sampeenja</i>).
yokolgbony		n.		foreskin.	
okolgbana					
yokolgu	yokola	n.		1. uncircumcised penis 2. sing. form, uncircumcision.	
yokpiŋlana		n.		impotent man	<i>KO</i> ‘dead.penis.owner’
yolgta	yolsi	n.		1. a tree, used as a remedy against snake bites 2. to separate foreign substance in pito for removal.	
yoli	yoya	n.		male sexual organ.	
yoli	yoya	a.		1. vain 2. useless.	
yoli		adv.		1. uselessly 2. in vain 3. without cause 4. late(ly):	bahi yoli ‘become useless; be lost, come to ruin’
				5. free, gratis	
yoli		n.		placenta; after-birth (of humans).	
yoli -nda		v.		to soothe to sleep.	
yolitem		v.		to regret something:	(contracted form of ‘ yoli tehimi ’).
yoliya		v.		to be late.	

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yolsi -ra		v.		1. to promote 2. to accelerate 3. to help.	
yolsim		n.		1. help 2. subsidy 3. a gift of means.	
yom		adv.		quickly.	
yoma		prep.		near.	
yomayoma		a.		very near	KO v. fast ?
yomyom		adv.		quickly	KO
yoŋ -da		v.		to yearn.	
yoŋa	yonsi	n.		an epithet for a daring Dagomba 2. Idiom: Naa bi' yoŋa , Prince, one, who has not received a chieftancy.	
yonaa		n.	m	epithet for the lion: literally, 'bush king'.	
yonahu	yoniyi	n.	m	bush cow; buffalo;	male form: yonaylaa .
yooi -ra		v.		to open.	
yor(i)gu	yorti	n.		lid, cover	KO
yorı		n.		pay; wages; salary.	
yorli	yora	n.		a meteor; shooting star.	
yoroyoro		n.		cooked corn	KO
yotuŋ	yotundi	n.		a creeping plant, the leaves of which are used in curing hard swellings.	
yu -ra		v.		1. to love 2. to will 3. to wish.	
yubobo		n.		popularity.	
yubu		n.		desire; love; will; wish	KO
yudua		n.		big name; fame; reputation	KO
yuyimpini	yuyimpi	n.		hedgehog.	
yuysi -ra		v.		1. to sprinkle a powdered material 2. to drizzle (of rain).	
yuyu	yuri	n.		Bosc's monitor lizard	
yuyu	yuri	n.		horse	KO cf. wahu
yuyu	yuri	n.	s	snake	KO cf. wahu
yukaynli	yukayim	n.		a scab over a sore.	
yuli	a				
yuli	yuya	n.		1. name 2. proverbial name 3. zali yuli , to be famous; to be renowned.	sayim .. yuli 'defame' (lit.: spoil a name) KO
yuli -nda	yuya	n.		gourd [type]	KO
		v.		1. to look at 2. to see 3. to look for 4. to look after.	
yum	yuma	n.	bm	a sore; an ulcer.	

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yummaha		n.		1. a sore 2. a syphilitic sore or ulcer.	'wet.sore'
yundokpani	yundokpana		n.	bird [sp.] (WD)	(<i>vide kujoyijoyi</i>).
yunsi		v.		use	<i>KO</i> (Eng.)
yun		n.		1. night 2. Idiom: Ni ti yun! A greeting to one during the night.	yun bindirigu 'supper' yun yun 'every night'; 'in the nights' <i>KO</i>
yunbuyim	yunbuyima		n.	a disease causing temporary blistering. It is believed to be caused by witch-craft fire.	(<i>vide sobuyim</i>).
yungorgu	yungora	n.		epithet for the hyena.	(literally: 'night roamer')
yun̄tisua	yun̄tisuh̄i	n.		midnight.	also yun̄tisuyu , yuntisua , yun̄tusua <i>KO</i>
yupaa	yupahi	n.		nickname.	
yupiebra	yupiebrib̄a	n.		flute-blower	<i>KO</i>
yura	yuriba	n.		lover	<i>KO</i>
yuri		n.		horses <i>or</i> snakes	<i>see wahu, yuyu</i>
yuri		v.		to love	<i>KO AJN entry :</i>
yuriga	yurisi	n.		loved one	<i>KO</i>
yuriŋga	yurinsi	n.		tree.	
yurlim		n.		1. love 2. will 3. wish.	
yusayimbo		n.		defamation 'name.spoiling'	<i>KO</i>
yuu	yuhi	n.	mi	flute, whistle	<i>vide 'wia'.</i>
yuui -ra		v.		1. to last long 2. to be long in one place 3. to be old 4. to be late in coming 5. to be long ago:	Gh. 'keep long'
yuunbuyim		n.		head-lamp for miners, hunters	Di yuuya. It was long ago. <i>KO</i>
yuuni	yuma	n.		1. year 2. Saawoo yuuni , a year of below-average rainfall.	
yuusim		n.		duration	<i>KO</i>

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za	-ra	v.	to crush.	
za		n.	millet; cereal staple	<i>KO pl., sg. may be zali</i>
zaa		a.	1. all 2. zaa zaa , (repetitive lends emphasis, giving sense of 'absolutely all').	zaa kahikahi 'completely, absolutely' <i>KO</i>
zaa		adv.	1. entirely 2. wholly 3. slowly.	
zaa		n.	position (standing)	
zaa shee		n.	position	
zaadali		n.	judgement day.	< Hausa

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zaadʒira		n.	d	mumps.	
zaali	za	n.	cr	late millet plant	(<i>vide za</i>).
zaani	zama	n.		cudgel with a crooked iron head;	hammer (local style).
zaaŋa	zaansi	n.		oyster shell.	
zaaŋkuŋa	zaaŋkun si	n.		fig tree, the wood of which is very brittle.	
zaawuni		n.		afternoon.	
zaawun		n.		3.30 - 5.30 p.m.	KO
polli					
zaawun		n.		evenings	KO
zaawun					
zaawunyŋ		n.		late afternoon.	
Zabaya	Zabaysi	p.n.		Gonja person.	
Zabaysili		p.n.		Gonja language	KO
zabba		n.		cassock	KO < Hausa, Ar. ? originally Berber (N. Afr. jabba) ; cf. alicheba
zabga	zabsi	n.		person with natural red hair.	
zabgu	zabri	n.		hair of the head (WD : zobgu , ED).	
zabi -ra		v.		1. to quarrel 2. to fight; to brawl 3. to be painful 4. zabi nyuli , to envy.	zabli zabbu ‘fighting’ zabi zabli ‘fight a fight’ zabi nangbankpeeni ‘to argue, quarrel’ KO
zabla		n.		henna.	KO
zabliga		n.		mustard	
zabsahirgu	zabsahir si	n.		comb. (WD)	
zaya		n.		concern, interest, attention:	N zaya ka a yeltoya maa ni . I have no concern in your matter.(also ziya).
zaya		n.		... one:	an item: used in compound with number one or adjectives: zay'yini ‘one of them’ (<i>cf. di bayi</i> ‘two of them’), and entries below with zay' + adjective zaya vielli , a good one; zaya viela , good ones.
zayala	zayalani ma	n.		1. so and so 2. a certain person.	so-and-so’, ‘Monsieur un tel’ (not knowing, or not needing to mention, the person’s name) somebody-or-other KO
zaybieyu	zaybieri	n.		an evil one, a bad one	
zayı	-ra	v.		1. to wither 2. to be in bad physical condition.	
zayım		n.		nakedness.	O chaŋ o zayım . He went nakedly.
zayım		adv.		nakedly	
zayıpielli	zayıpiela	n.		a ‘white’ one (white, grey and pale shades of all colours)	KO (pl. used for white people)

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zaysabinli	zaysabla		n.	a ‘black’ one (cold colours-blue, green - and all dark shades inc. brown, purple)	<i>KO</i> (pl. used for black people)
zayṣi	-ra		v.	1. to refuse 2. to reject 3. to hate 4. to itch.	
zaysigu			n.	refusal	<i>KO</i>
zaysigu			n.	itching	<i>KO</i>
zayyoli			n.	bad fellow	<i>KO</i> ‘a useless one - see yoli)
zayȝie	zayȝiehi		n.	a ‘red’ one (red - all warm colours red/ orange/ yellow/ purple/brown)	<i>KO</i>
zaha	zahami		v.	to have a fishy smell.	
zahagiya					
zahim	zahima		n.	fish	collective: see also zinja
zahim	-nda		v.	1. to measure 2. to weigh 3. to dream 4. to examine 5. to test, tempt 6. to become rusty.	
zahimbu			n.	examination; temptation	<i>KO</i>
zahinama			n.	hell fire.	
zahindi	zahima		n.	dream (ED)	zahinli , WD).
zahindigu	zahindisi		n.	1. measures 2. scales (anything for measuring or weighing).	
zahinli	zahima		n.	dream (WD)	zahindi , ED).
zahira		adv.		1. publicly 2. to become known in the open. (always refers to revealing bad character).	
zahirgu	zahirsi <i>or zahira</i>		n.	large woven ring on which large water pots rest.	
zaka			n.	1. a tithe or tenth part given as a part of a religious observance 2. alms given to the poor, in the name of God.	<Arabic via Hausa
zakariȝeebu	zakariȝe		n.	ginger root.	
li	ebuya				
zakpaleyu		n.	b	coloured bird with big wings; it flies a short distance, stops, but flies off when you try to catch it	Proverb: Zakpaleyu yɔham bara ka kpe mɔyu . The <i>zakpaleyu</i> bird pretends to be sick and leads people to get lost in the bush
zalgi		n.		1. blame 2. fault 3. to zalgi , to blame 4. dee zalgi , to take the blame. (ED : zargi , WD).	

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zalgu		n.		1. law 2. commandment 3. order 4. abeyance 5. custom.	that which is zali 6)-ed)
zalgu	zalguni	n.		food prepared and placed aside for the spirits to partake of after a funeral observance.	
zali	zaya	n.		wedge-shaped iron tool used as a hammer by blacksmiths.	anvil in a blacksmith shop on which metals are beaten to shape <i>KO</i>
zali	-ra	v.		1. to make a law or rule 2. to postpone 3. to hold in abeyance 4. to command 5. to suspend 6. zaŋ zali , to put down something that stands upright.	
zalim	zalima	n.		poison for arrows.	
zalinsi		n.		1. fraud 2. niŋ zalinsi; di zalinsi , to defraud.	
zalinzahi		n.		grass like ‘ balimbini ’.	
zalkpieŋ		n.		decree ‘strong.ordinance’	<i>KO</i>
Zallakadur		p.n.		Most High (and merciful) God, (a title).	
a Naa					
Zalla Naa		p.n.		Merciful God (a title).	(<i>vide Faako Naa</i>).
zama		n.		1. oysters 2. a multitude 3. congregation 4. assembly.	
zama kuliga		n.	cr	shell fish	Proverb: Zama kuliga baŋmi siyibu gar’ a baŋ løyibū . Knowing how to wade through an oyster river is better than trying to go round it. <i>KO</i>
zamaatu		n.		crowd	
zamasuyu	zamasuri	n.		eel.	
zamba		n.		1. secret injury 2. the undermining of character 3. niŋ zamba , to secretly injure; to undermine one’s character. 4. sabotage <i>KO</i>	
zambalana		n.		saboteur	<i>KO</i>
zambaja	zambansi	n.		epithet for the cat	
zambu		n.		blame	<i>KO</i> ? cf. < Hausa zambo ‘ridicule, satirise, accuse falsely’
zambu		n.		disaster, calamity	<i>KO</i>
zana		n.		web	<i>KO</i> : see zani

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zanaasa		n.		originally this was the name of food prepared for the grave-diggers; now, the custom of preparing food for the Muslim priest, when a death occurs.	<i>see</i> next
zanaza		n.		meal for orphans	<i>KO</i> : <i>see</i> prev.
zani	zana	n.		strong rope net used to catch wild animals.	<i>see</i> zana
zani -da		v.		1. to stand 2. to halt 3. to tilt or incline (as a heavy load). die	<i>KO zani soli</i> ‘stagnate’ ‘stop on the way’ tayı zani ‘stop; halt’
zanuhı dihi		v.p.			<i>KO</i> ? zaŋ nuhi .. ‘take hands and touch the juju’s country’ - none of that is normal local imagery
buğa tiŋa					
zaŋ	-da	v.		1. to take. 2. to carry away. 3. to use (pick up and ~ - see mali) 4. in auxiliary verb constructions:- to take away. ‘about, concerning’ (‘take go’) ‘until’; ‘as far as’	used with other verbs to form new verb:
zaŋ chaŋ		v.			
zaŋ chaŋ		v.p.			
zaŋ cháŋ		?			
zaŋbu na		n.		bringing	<i>KO</i>
zaŋguruŋ		n.		thorn tree	<i>Acacia hockii</i> De Wild.
zaŋkaloyu	zaŋkalori	n.		grass used for roofing.	
zaŋsim		n.		attention	<i>KO zaŋsim ka ni</i> ‘be absent-minded’ (attention not there’)
zapalieu	zapalieri	n.	b	nightjar (a bird).	
zargi		n.		1. blame 2. fault 3. to zargi , to blame 4. dee zargi , to take the blame. (WD : zalgi , ED).	< Hausa zargi
zárlí	—	n.	bp	penis (archaic term)	
zashee	zashehi	n.		a place of something or persons: 1. half-cooked 2. half-way along in age.	
zaza		adv.		mercury	<i>KO</i> < Hausa zaiba
zeeba		n.			
zerba?					
zerge		n.		1. blame 2. fault 3. to zerge , to blame 4. dee zerge , to accept blame. (also zalgi ; zarge).	
zibgi	-ra	v.		1. to get dark 2. to be thick (as the bush).	(e.g. in a storm) <i>KO</i>
zibi	-ra	v.		1. to be dark (as the night) 2. to mature:	(e.g. in the evening) <i>KO</i>
zibsi		v.		1. to be dark (as a room) 2. to be dense (as the shade of	Nyuuya maa zibiya. The yam vines are matured. (in a place) <i>KO</i>

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				a tree)	
				3. to be secretive or close-mouthed.	
zibsim		n.		darkness.	
ziya		n.		1. concern 2. interest (also zaya)	
				3. earth for beating the floor.?	
ziyঁlangbo	ziyঁlanbon	n.		yam cultivar	
	ima				
ziyta	ziyтanima	n.		black bead imported from Kotokoli country.	
zil		a.		dull	<i>KO</i>
zilgi -ra		v.		1. to deepen 2. to bend (intrans.) 3. to tilt 4. to turn back 5. to bow.	
ziliji		n.		train	<i>KO (< Hausa jirgi)</i>
zilim		n.		driver ants	
zilimsáb Tì		n.			
zilim ȝièé		n.			
zilim	ziliŋ	a.		deep	<i>KO</i>
zilima		n.		abusive words	(literally ‘tongues’).
zilima		v.		1. to be deep 2. to be stoic, not revealing feeling.	teha bi zilima ‘lack of foresight’: thoughts not are.deep <i>KO</i> (also ȝilinsi).
zilinsi		n.		ignorance.	
ziliŋ	zilima	a.		deep	<i>KO : see zilun</i>
zilisigu		n.		suspicion	<i>KO</i>
zilnli	zilima	n.		1. tongue 2. yeli zilima , to abuse; to speak angrily to. 3. a promise (see zilnli) <i>KO</i>	ȝi zilni ‘carry the message’ zilima yelibu ‘insulting’ (or is this ‘deep things’?) <i>KO</i>
zilsi	-ra	v.		1. to suspect 2. to doubt.	
zilun	zilima	n.		depth.	<i>see ziliŋ</i>
zim	zima	n.		flour, powder.	
zimazima		a.		1. dull 2. cloudy (said of weather).	Noun ‘dimness’ <i>KO</i>
zimbila	zinsi	n.	f	fish	<i>KO</i>
zimbuli		n.		ginger grain.	
zimsa		v.		be dark	
zimsili	zimsa	n.		secretive; close mouthed.	
zimsim		n.		darkness	<i>KO also zibsim q.v.</i> (DB timsa ‘be heavy’ = MP tibsa)
zina		n.		1. adultery 2. fornication.	<i>KO also zibsim</i> (Arabic< Hausa)
zinchili		n.		1. delay 2. niŋ zinchili , to delay.	
zini	zina	n.		civet cat	?< Hausa jiŋkiri
zinibaam	zinibaam	n.		musk of the civet cat.	
	a				
zinniŋda	zinniŋdib	n.		adulterer	<i>KO</i>
	a				

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zinyaargu	zinyaara	n.		1. the kingfisher 2. the wood ibis.	
zinyayli	zinyaya	n.		laziness. (ED : gbinyayli , WD).	(also ‘vinyayli’).
zin zam		n.		sesame; beniseed.	
ziŋ	-da	v.		1. to miss 2. chan ziŋ , to find one absent; to meet one’s absence.	
ziŋa	zinsi	n.		fish (general)	(<i>vide zahim</i>).
zingoo	zingohi	n.		fishing hook.	
ziri		n.		a lie	KO prob. mass noun like saviri : see 3iri
zo	zonima	n.		1. friend 2. zosunj/-suma , beloved friend.	
zo barigi		v.p.		‘disappear’	
zo che je li		v.p.		‘abandon it’	
zo dabiem		v.p.		to fear.	
zo namboyu		v.p.		to show mercy.	
zo -ra		v.		1. to feel (as to feel fear) 2. to express or to show:	<i>see zo</i> zo namboyu , to show mercy; to pity.
zo -ra		v.		1. to run 2. to escape, run away 3. to run, flow (liquid) 4. auxiliary verb used with certain abstracts, such as these:—	
zo vi		v.p.		to be bashful.	
zobanja	zobansi	n.		lizard.	considered poisonous by the Dagbamba
zobgu	zobrti	n.		hair of the head. (ED : zabgu , WD).	
zobsahirgu	zobsahirsı	n.		comb. (ED : zabsahirgu , WD).	
zobunja	zobunsi	n.	m	Senegal hartebeest.	
zoburgu	zobura	n.		1. slate 2. shale 3. mudstone (rarely ever used in plural);	(also ‘ zomburgu ’).
zogbee	zogbehi	n.		hillock.	
zokuya	zokuysi	n.		mahogany tree, the roots of which are used as a stomach- ache medicine.	
zolgo	zolgonim a	n.		heavy chain.	zolgu / zolsi KO : NT has zolgo / zolsi , zolgonima
zolgu	zolgunim a	n.		fool.	
zolgu		n.		placenta	KO <i>see zoli</i> : MP is naaba ‘chief’ !
zoli	zoya	n.		1. hill 2. mountain.	
zoli	zoya	n.		1. placenta 2. afterbirth (of lower	<i>see zolgu</i>

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zolinli	zolima	n.		animals).	
zolkurgu	zolkura	n.	t	a shrub of the mulberry family bearing long slender pods.	yielding a coarse fibre, used in dressing sores. (<i>vide naynyootia</i>).
zoloŋ	zolona	n.		valley in mountains, ravine	<i>KO</i>
zom		n.		red pebbles used to grind up for colouring of local pot.	
zom -da		v.		to be blind.	
zoma	zomba	n.		blind person.	
zomburgu	zombura	n.		decayed laterite stone.	(<i>vide zoburgu</i>).
zomkpabso	NC	n.	s	poisonous snake	also báŋkpárimà
ŋ					
zoŋ	zona	n.	m	fruit bat.	
zoŋ	zondi or zona	n.		entrance hut.	'hall' - one door into yard, one to outside (beside gateway)
zoŋ	zoŋnima	n.	cr	yam cultivar	
zoo	zohi	n.		1. a fly, house fly	
zoo	zohi	n.		2. a hill; a ridge.	
zooi -ra		v.		1. to grow, be many or much	
				2. to grow up	
				3. to be enough	
				4. to exalt.; to raise to a high position	
				5. to be in excess.	
zoondoyirili		n.		person blind at birth	<i>KO</i>
zoonpieligi		n.	d	glaucoma	<i>KO</i>
zoosim		n.		1. growth	
				2. greatness	
				3. abundance.	
zori		n.		1. friendship	
				2. my friend (a polite form of address)	joyful form of address to someone who <i>isn't</i> your friend
				3. layi zori , to make friends with.	
zu	-ra	v.		1. to steal	
				2. as an auxiliary verb:-	
zu pua		v.p.		to be pregnant illegitimately.	
zu kpuŋi		v.p.		'abduct'	
(paya)					
zu nyaanaŋa		v.p.		to gossip, slander' (<i>see nyaanzum</i>)	
zuŋya		adv.		lifelessly.	
zuŋgbilli	zuŋgbila	n.		epithet for the lion.	
zuŋim -da		v.		1. to mess up	
				2. to disrupt	
				3. to spoil plans. (also juyim).	
zuŋimbu		n.		disorder	<i>KO</i>
zuŋkoyli	zuŋkoya	n.		1. a knock on the head with knuckles	
				2. che zuŋkoyli , to knock on the head with the knuckles.	

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zuŷkoyu	zuŷkori	n.		temporary baldness caused by ringworm.	
zuŷkpiini	kuykpiin	n.		a clean-shaven head.	
	a				
zuŷpalo	zuŷpalti	n.		a naturally bald head.	<i>see zuŷu polo</i>
zuŷpilgu	zuŷpila or zuŷpilsi	n.		cap.	<i>see zupil-</i>
zuŷpuri		n.		brain.	zuŷpuri KO
zuŷsaa		n.		sky, atmosphere; heavens (literally ‘head of rain’).	
zuŷsaa		adv.		1. up 2. above.	at the top, above, on (<i>cf. gbinni - note</i>) <i>KO</i>
zuŷsusŋ		n.		1. good luck 2. good fortune.	zuŷsusŋ KO
zuŷu	zuŷri	n.		head, cause (because of).	ŋma zuŷu ‘behead’ <i>KO</i>
zuŷu		prep.		1. for the sake of 2. on the account of 3. for 4. on; upon 5. on top of.	on top of (<i>see gbinni - note</i>)
zuŷubetia	zuŷubethi i	n.		a tree profusely producing mauve and pink blossoms in the dry season; the roots of this tree are used for medicine for gonorrhoea.	
zuŷubieŋu		n.		ill fortune; bad luck.	
zuŷulana	zuŷulanni ma	n.		head man; the person responsible.	
zuŷulebli		n.		madness	<i>KO</i>
zuŷulim	zuŷulima	n.		the custom of giving a child to the mother’s parents.	zuŷulem ‘foster-child’ <i>KO</i>
zuŷulinli	zuŷulima	n.		ram without horns.	
zuŷunŋmon	zuŷunŋma na	n.		skull.	
zuŷuri		n.		bellows	<i>KO < Hausa zugazugi</i>
zuŷu polo		n.		baldness	<i>KO : see zuŷpal’o</i>
zuŷutalgu	zuŷutalsi	n.		the soft spot in the middle of an infant’s skull. (anterior fontanelle).	
zuŷuyaarli		n.		headache.	zuŷuyaali KO
zuhı		v.		invite	<i>KO</i>
zuhibu		n.		invitation	<i>KO</i>
zuli	zuya	n.		tail of an animal.	
zulima		n.		fraudulence	(<i>vide zalibsi</i>).
zulimboŋ	zulimbon a	n.		water in which dawadawa beans are boiled.	
zulimboŋda a	zulimboŋ dahi	n.		the water in which dawadawa beans are rinsed after they are boiled; this water is sometimes used as a medicine.	
zuliya		n.		1. posterity 2. descendants 3. generation	

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				4. race 5. tribe.	
zullana		n.		1. a title for the earth priest called ‘Tindana’ 2. an epithet of the leopard.	
zuliya		n.		clan, tribe, race	<i>KO</i> (Arabic< Hausa)
zum	zuma	n.		1. a hair from a horse tail 2. corn silk.	
zumbuli	zumbuya	n.		‘guinea grain’, imported aromatic seed used as perfume or spice, as medicine. (very hot)	
zuna		adv.			<i>KO</i> = zina q.v., or MP for ‘today’ (<i>see zujo</i>)
zunubi		n.		1. transgression 2. sin.	
zunzonj		n.	m	small bat, but a little larger than the house bat.	
zunzuli	zunzuya	n.		1. a worm of any kind 2. caterpillar 3. maggot.	
zunyuyu		n.		selfishness	<i>KO</i> : <i>see zuŋŋoy'u</i>
zuŋguli	zuŋguya	n.	bp	clitoris.	
zuŋgulijma	zuŋgulij	n.	i	water beetle.	
argu	maarsi				
zuŋkuŋ	zuŋkuma	n.		hard dawadawa seed, that has not softened in boiling.	
zuŋŋoyu		n.		greediness.	<i>see zunyuyu</i>
zujo		n.		today.	<i>zujo</i> dim ‘from today onward’ <i>pa zujo pa soha</i> ‘for a long time’ ‘not today not yesterday’ <i>KO</i> (<i>vide zuu</i>).
zupali	zupaya	n.		second son (used after the father has deceased)	
zupilgu	zupilsı ?zupilti?	n.		hat (general); cap	<i>KO</i> nam zupilgu / nam zupilsı ‘crown’ (royal hat)
zuri		n.		1. food 2. ŋmaai zuri 3. pihi zuri , to eat.	
zusa		n.		1. fringes of cloth and gowns 2. tassels.	
zuu	zuhı	n.		1. the title of the first-born son (not considered in good taste for this title to be used by the son while the father lives) 2. prince.	
zuuni	zuna	n.	tp	dry seeds of the dawadawa pods.	
zuya		n.		larvae.	

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ʒahi		v.		stagger	<i>KO</i> ? ʒehi
ʒakariʒeebu	ʒakariʒee		n.	ginger root	(<i>vide zakarizeebuli</i>).
li	buya				
ʒe -ra(ʒe ze za)		v.		1. to scramble 2. to struggle for something 3. to rub 4. to gore 5. to blow	
ʒe gom		v.p.		to doze	
ʒe kom		v.p.		to fish by entering into water	
ʒe ze za		v.		be standing; be loyal ;	<i>KO</i> ʒe yim ‘be upright’; stand firm: AJN entry : <i>KO</i>
ʒebahiga		n.		big pot ('thing for putting soup in')	
ʒee	ʒehi	a		red	(‘liquid and colour’ <i>KO</i>).
ʒeei -ra		v.		1. to go astray 2. to be too excessive in seasoning.	
ʒeensi		n.		1. disrespect 2. nin ʒeensi, to show disrespect.	(<i>vide ninʒeensi</i>).
ʒegbani	ʒegbana	n.		ingredient of soup (?)	<i>KO</i>
ʒegoli	ʒegoya	n.		tree, the roots of which are used as a medicine.	
ʒem	ʒema	n.		1. victory dance 2. also performed following the fire festival.	<i>see</i> Susan Drucker Brown on ‘zeim soa’ in Ritual Aspects of Mamprusi Kingship’ 1975, Cambridge/Leiden p.63 : don’t believe her linguistics, but for what it is worth ‘see’ it. <i>KO</i> on ʒiem
ʒem		v.		despise sb. demean; lower; put somebody down	<i>KO</i> lihi ʒem ‘defy’ ‘look.at despise’
ʒemana		n.		1. a period of time 2. an age 3. a generation.	< Hausa : ʒemani / ʒemana <i>KO</i>
ʒembu		n.		despising	<i>KO</i>
ʒenim		n.		the time from dusk to about eight o’clock.	
ʒeri		n.		1. broth 2. soup 3. vegetable.	
ʒérígù	ʒérsì or ʒértì	n.	s	water snake	<i>Grayia smithii</i>
ʒertuyrgu	ʒertuyrsi	n.		pronged stick used for stirring soup.	
ʒevoyu	ʒevari	n.		vegetable; leaf-vegetable; soup-ingredient	<i>KO</i>
ʒeya		v.		1. to stand. 2. to stand and wait; (always used of animals).	* but <i>see</i> ʒe, ze, za
ʒi		n.		seed	<i>KO</i>

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ʒí		v.		1. to not know 2. to be ignorant. 3. to have never .., in the past (to not know, <i>i.e.</i> not have experienced something trans. 'haven't' [perf.] or 'have never' in statement, 'never' in question, (see mi) - normally with na (<i>q.v.</i>) 'yet, hitherto, up to this time'	(negative of mi , to know) na ʒi n- 'never before' <i>KO</i>
ʒí -ra		v.		1. to carry (always on the head, when used of persons; on the back, of animals). 2. transport (in vehicle) 3. to carry away.	ʒi zilni 'carry the message' <i>KO</i>
ʒí		v.		be sitting	<i>KO AJN entry :</i>
ʒia zii	ʒihí	n.		place	<i>KO ʒii zaa</i> 'everywhere': AJN entry :
ʒieyu		n.		1. storm 2. tornado.	
ʒieyu	ʒieri	a		red.	
ʒieyu		n.		scent of sth. (animal)	<i>KO tayı ʒieyu</i> 'track animal scent' <i>q.v.</i>
ʒiem -da		v.		1. to show disrespect 2. to despise.	
ʒiem	ʒiema	a		red.	
ʒigorgu	ʒigora	n.		a very painful swelling, like a boil.	
ʒii		n.		the feeling of an unseen presence, a vision, apparition (used for appearance of God).	
ʒii		a.		1. uncertain 2. yeltoya ʒii , an uncertain matter.	
ʒili	ʒiya	n.		a load.	
ʒili		v.		make one sit down (caus. of ʒi)	<i>KO</i>
ʒilinsi		n.		ignorance.	
ʒiltibslí	ʒiltibsa	n.		heavy load.	
ʒím	ʒima	n.		blood	<i>vide fargu</i>
ʒim yibu		n.p.		bleeding	
ʒimtim		n.		Guinness	et. 'blood-medicine'
ʒinahigu		n.		interjections; long sitting	<i>KO laziness - see vinyayili</i>
ʒinani	ʒinana	n.		1. abnormality 2. monstrosity.	<i>(vide numbu).</i>
ʒini -da		v.		1. to sit down 2. to reside (in a place).	
ʒinyurigu		n.		blood sucker	
ʒinyee	ʒinyehí	n.		hard stone, like a granite, used for grindstones.	<i>KO ʒinyuriga</i> (ʒinyurigu should be 'blood for drinking' cf. bindirigu)

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ʒinyurgu	ʒinyursi	n.		creeping weed used as a medicine.	
ʒiri		n.		1. a lie 2. untruth; ŋma ʒiri , to tell lies wholesale.	
ʒirilana	ʒirinima	n.		a liar.	
ʒisoli	ʒisoya	n.		1. blood vessel 2. vein 3. artery.	‘bloodstream’ <i>KO</i>
ʒishie	ʒishehi or	n.		1. sitting place, seat	
ʒishee	ʒishahi			2. dwelling place. 3. place of authority <i>KO</i>	? nam ʒishie
ʒiʒinikpee	ʒiʒinitaba	n.		neighbour.	ʒiʒiinkpee <i>KO</i>
ʒiʒira	ʒiʒirba	n.		a carrier.	